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UN nuclear parley begins after Israel drops veto

By LIAT COLLINS and Reuters

The United Nations Conference on Disarmament yesterday launched negotiations in Geneva to stop the production of nuclear bomb-making materials, after Israel gave in to American urging and dropped its effective veto.

The pact, expected to take years to complete, is viewed as the next step in multilateral nuclear disarmament following the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) banning underground blasts.

Opening up Dimona, Page 3

"Israel shares the significance of the moment," Israel's Ambassador Yosef Lamdan told the 61-member conference after it agreed to set up a negotiating committee on fissile materials. But he added: "Of course, Israel reserves our position on the substance of the issue involved."

Israel will not object to the UN efforts to launch fresh talks on halting production of fissile material, such as plutonium and enriched uranium used in nuclear bombmaking. This was made clear in a statement that the Prime Minister's Office issued yesterday following press reports on a possible change in Israel's nuclear policy.

The communique, however, stopped far short of committing to opening the Dimona nuclear reactor to international inspections, as the news stories implied, and said Israel still has "fundamental problems" with the treaty on fissile material.

Israel's defense policy has traditionally been based on never publicly stating whether or not it has nuclear capability and leaving the possibility as a deterrent. And Israel has been the only member of the 61-state United Nations Conference on Disarmament that had not agreed to join negotiations on the proposed treaty.

"President [Bill] Clinton asked Israel not to oppose the convening of an ad hoc committee that will begin formulating a treaty that will ban the production of fissile material," the statement quoted Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu as telling the cabinet yesterday.

"We are talking about a procedural move [and it] could take years before all the participating countries reach a formulated and agreed upon treaty. We have made clear that our support for establishing the committee does not imply the adoption of a position towards finalizing the treaty or its contents," the statement said.

"In consultation with the defense establishment, we have made it clear to the US that Israel has its own considerations stemming from our unique situation in the region, in view of which Israel will require clarifications from the US. Similarly, we made it clear that we have fundamental problems with the treaty and we will discuss these too with the US." These problems apparently refer to the issue of access and inspections.

But yesterday's agreement deliberately left the scope of talks ambiguous. The United States and its allies have pushed for the talks to cover just future production of fissile material. But developing countries, including Pakistan, reiterated their call for existing stocks to be eliminated.

States would have to pledge to grant international inspectors access to uranium enrichment plants, as well as facilities which reprocess spent plutonium. Nonaligned countries including Egypt, Iran, South Africa, India, and Pakistan made clear they still expect the conference to start moves to negotiate total nuclear disarmament.



Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai (foreground) seems all smiles at yesterday's cabinet meeting on the budget, as Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu makes a point (left). Last night, Netanyahu announced he would agree to increase the defense budget by an amount to be determined this morning. (Flash 90)

PM pledges more funds for defense

By DAVID HARRIS

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu last night issued a statement pledging to increase the defense budget in 1999.

Speaking to ministers during the cabinet's state budget debate yesterday, Netanyahu said three areas of government activity must be made priorities in next year's budget: strengthening defense, investing in infrastructure, and bringing about renewed economic growth.

"The prime minister said he has taken a strategic decision to increase the defense budget in the light of increasing threats, including those from far afield," read the statement. "The amounts and their weight relative to the budget will be detailed at the [security] cabinet's meeting," which is scheduled for 8 this morning.

The package outlined by Netanyahu will be multi-year, "something never done in the past, and this will be referred to in the [1999] budget," concluded the statement.

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, accompanied by Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Shaul Mofaz, told the cabinet that social spending has been increased over the last decade at the expense of the defense budget.

"The State of Israel requires a deterrent capability and warning systems, including those in space, for the active and passive defense of the home front, and these are in the realms of billions," said Mordechai.

Mofaz warned that Israel is presently facing "unreasonable risks."

The Defense Ministry is demanding a NIS 2 billion spending increase next year. This year, the ministry was allocated NIS 33.6 billion.

A Treasury spokesman said last night the increase will be approved by the Treasury if it does not lead to fiscal expansion.

The Treasury's baseline is that the budget deficit not be allowed to climb over the target set in the Budget Deficit Law at 2 percent of the gross domestic product or some NIS 7.8b.

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Labor dismisses national unity talks

By MICHAL YUDELMAN

Chances of a national unity government appeared to be fading yesterday as the Labor Party leadership concluded that there was no real basis for forming one.

After a series of meetings with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, Labor Party leader Ehud Barak concluded there are insurmountable obstacles blocking the way to setting up a unity government.

Barak told colleague MK Haim Ramon yesterday that no understandings had been reached in the meetings, which focused on the government's joint agenda and the possibility of cooperation between the prime minister and his deputy – Barak – if a unity government were to be formed.

Ramon criticized the clandestine nature of the talks and expressed doubt as to whether Barak should have complied with Netanyahu's request to keep the talks secret. He conceded, however, that a responsible opposition leader could hardly refuse a prime minister's invitation to meet.

Sources close to Barak said yesterday that the meetings were necessary to explore whether there was a common basis for a unity government, such as a real intention on Netanyahu's part to advance the peace process and a readiness for "power sharing."

The sources pointed out that, as the largest party in the Knesset, if Labor joined the government it would be an equal partner, which means the Likud would have to give up a number of ministries and other power strongholds.

However, Barak was not convinced either of Netanyahu's readiness for the change in government or for promoting the peace process, the sources said.

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The sources dismissed the internal criticism that Barak had been rash or naive in meeting Netanyahu, while the latter leaked the talks, thus manipulating him without really meaning to form a unity government. On the contrary, they said, Barak acted with extreme responsibility and caution by exploring the basis for a unity government.

The sources pointed out Barak and Netanyahu discussed much more than internal political matters but went into foreign and security affairs, including the threats from Iran and Iraq.

The sources estimated Netanyahu had initiated the move when he had been under extreme pressure to implement the pullback by the end of July. He also was aware of the contacts between his senior ministers, Ariel Sharon and Yitzhak Mordechai, and MK David Levy with Barak. At the same time, MK Aryeh Deri had been pressuring him to form a unity government before the Knesset's summer recess.

Senior Labor MKs yesterday supported Barak for meeting Netanyahu and some admitted in private talks that they would have done the same thing were they in Barak's place.

"When the prime minister invites you, it's very difficult for the opposition leader to refuse an update on political and security affairs," Ramon said.

"The question is not why Barak went to those meetings, but what kind of prime minister is it, whom no one can believe a word he says, and who isn't bound to the least principles?" Ramon said.

MK Dalia Itzik (Labor) said Barak's meetings with Netanyahu and the ado which followed when they became public knowledge provided a crushing answer for all those MKs who criticized Barak for refusing to cooperate with Netanyahu regarding a unity government. "Netanyahu will not change his manipulative tactics and lies. There is no one to talk to," Itzik said.

Communications Minister Limor Livnat (Likud) said yesterday she prefers a unity government to elections, if it comes to that.



Labor Party leader Ehud Barak (Brian Hendler)

Livnat also criticized the talks' secrecy, saying, "I certainly don't feel comfortable waking up in the morning and reading in the newspaper about these meetings. The Likud leadership should have been briefed on this, and on other things."

Investigators suspect Semtex used in attacks

NAIROBI (AP) – Investigators suspect the deadly plastic explosive Semtex was used in the attacks on the US embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, but no link has been found to any particular group, a senior US official said yesterday.

Detection of the Czech-manufactured explosive, which is far more powerful than TNT, supports the theory held by many in the US government that the nearly simultaneous attacks last Friday were the work of a sophisticated terrorist organization.

But the official said no group had been identified by FBI and Kenyan and Tanzanian investigators.

An Israel Army Radio report from Nairobi also signaled that investigators suspect the bombers used Semtex.

The FBI says finding out what kind of explosives were used and how would be critical to the investigation.

So would an informant, and US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright on Monday offered a $2 million reward for information leading to the capture of the "cowards that committed this act."

Investigators yesterday began to piece together evidence from the bombings, with 14 arrests in Tanzania and a Kenyan guard's eyewitness account providing possibly important clues.

At least 230 people are known to have died in twin terrorist bombings in Kenya and Tanzania. Nearly 5,000 were wounded.

More bodies were pulled from the rubble in Nairobi yesterday, bringing the death toll here to 220, the National Disaster Operation Center said.

Israeli soldiers continued to dig for a woman named Rose. Her voice fell silent Sunday, but they heard a tapping noise Monday that spurred them on. Three-times yesterday, Israelis dropped a microphone into the crevice where Rose was believed to be trapped, but heard nothing.

But early in the evening, the Israelis informed the Red Cross that there might be two survivors, and medical teams were standing by, said Red Cross spokeswoman Nina Galbe.

In Tanzania, 14 foreigners were arrested in connection with the bombing of the Dar es Salaam embassy that claimed 10 Africans' lives, said police spokesman Aden Mwanunyange.

Those arrested were six Sudanese, six Iraqis, one Somali and a Turk, he said, citing "dubious characters and intelligence information that they may have taken part in the incident."

In Kenya, the *East African Standard* said guard Joash Okindo and his colleagues, armed only with short wooden clubs, confronted five men, stopping them at a barrier to the embassy's front parking lot, and forcing them to turn into the rear parking lot.

The attackers then jumped from the truck and opened fire with automatic rifles. At least one marine returned fire and one of the attackers threw a hand grenade.

Moments later, the truck exploded, Okindo told the Kenya Television Network on Monday.

"We saved people's lives by sending it to the rear entrance," Okindo told the *Standard*. "If we hadn't done that, I don't think I would be alive and talking to you now."

Okindo "resisted heroically," US State Department spokesman James Foley said in Washington.

US President Bill Clinton said yesterday that the US's long record of fighting terrorism has made Americans more vulnerable to attacks.

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Health funds to charge for visits to specialists

By JUDY SIEGEL

The Knesset Finance Committee yesterday approved, by an 8 to 7 vote, the levying of direct fees for visits to medical specialists and outpatient clinics. The measure also raises payments for prescription drugs.

The move allows the Treasury to transfer over NIS 500 million to the health funds in the form of grants and advances to be repaid by the end of this year.

But it was uncertain whether the user's tax could be fully implemented.

The Israel Medical Association (IMA) declared that its member doctors would not serve as collection agents for the health funds or the Treasury.

Nor would doctors refuse treatment to those who do not pay, the IMA said.

The Israel Pensioners' Association said it would recommend to its 700,000 members that they refuse to pay the additional fees. It cited the National Health Insurance Law, which bars the public health system from withholding care from those who cannot or will not pay for it.

The measure was passed in the committee by the coalition MKs, except for National Religious Party MK Eli Gabbai and Yisrael Ba'aliya MK Yehuda Harel; opposition members opposed it.

The four health funds said yesterday that their previously announced plans for reducing services remain in effect. Because Kupat Holim Clalit cannot commit to paying the remaining 25% of July salaries today, the Clalit workers still plan to operate according to a reduced Shabbat schedule tomorrow.

The health funds reacted to the vote, in a joint statement, by "congratulating the prime minister for his personal intervention into the effort to find a solution to the funding crisis, and the health minister for his efforts."

But they added that the decision "doesn't solve the health system crisis, since most of the funds are meant for paying [our debts] to the hospitals, and when that's done, there won't be enough money left to continue services."

Clalit, Maccabi, Leumit and Meuhedet management called on the prime minister to produce a structural solution to the crisis by revising the formulas for allocating health taxes to the funds, taking into account the aging of the population and the introduction of new drugs and technologies.

When all the agreements are signed by the Treasury and the Health Ministry in a few days, the health funds will begin charging NIS 10 to NIS 20 for a visit to a medical specialist (not one's primary physician) per quarter per person, plus up to NIS 20 for each visit to a hospital outpatient clinic.

There will be a ceiling of NIS 80 to NIS 150 per quarter per family, depending on the health fund. Very-low-income families will be exempt, while new immigrants during their first year in the country and people over the age of 65 will pay up to half of the ceiling.

In addition, prescription drugs will rise in cost by 10% to 15%, with a ceiling of NIS 190 to NIS 220 per quarter.

IMA chairman Dr. Yoram Blachar said that doctors will not agree to collect fees from patients.

"This would seriously harm the doctor-patient relationship," he said.

US stocks plunge

NEW YORK (AP) – US stocks plunged yesterday as Japan's worsening economic problems renewed worries that a slowing US economy will dry up growth in corporate profits.

The Dow Jones industrial average at one point was down 257.98 points in heavy trading. A late wave of buying cut substantially into the losses, but the Dow was still down 112.00, closing at 8,462.85.

That left Wall Street's best-known indicator up by 7 percent on the year, less than half the 18% gain it held just 3 1/2 weeks ago. At its low for the day, it was down 10.9%, or more than 1,000 points, from the July 17 record close of 9,337.97.

It would take a sustained drop of 20% to bring on a bear market. A 10% slide is deemed a "correction" on Wall Street, or a pause in a rising market.

Another indicator of unease was the rise yesterday of the US dollar and US Treasury bonds.

In Tel Aviv, the Maof dropped 3.06% to 333.56.

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NEWS
in brief

Missing Palestinian may be planning attack

Iman Amar, a 19-year-old woman from Kalkilya, disappeared on Sunday from her home, and her family believes she may be planning a terror attack against Israel on behalf of Hamas.

The Israel Police began searching for her yesterday. Her family had informed the Palestinian Police upon realizing she had disappeared, and the PA police informed their Israeli counterparts through the District Coordinating Office.

Family members said Amar had expressed anger at Israel ever since her fiancé was arrested and sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment for involvement in a terror attack.

Before she disappeared, they said, she told them she planned to join Hamas and die a "martyr." *Itim*

PA police scuffle with yeshiva students

Palestinian police nearly engaged in a fistfight with yeshiva students at Joseph's Tomb in Nablus yesterday.

Eyewitnesses said the scuffle broke out after a Palestinian officer refused to allow construction equipment to be unloaded from a bus that transported the students to the site.

An IDF officer helped stop the fight and separated the PA officer from the yeshiva students. The PA police then announced that until the equipment was removed the tomb would be closed.

Later, the IDF removed the equipment and the PA reopened Joseph's Tomb. *Steve Rodan*

PA preparing economic plan for statehood

The Palestinian Authority is drafting a long-term strategic plan in advance of the announcement of an independent Palestinian state next May, PA International Cooperation and Planning Minister Nabil Shaath told the Voice of Palestine yesterday.

The plan addresses funding issues and points to a need to elicit more monies from European donors to be used largely for development of villages around Jerusalem and major towns in the PA areas. *Steve Rodan and Mohammed Najib*

Hussein tries to still succession rumors

Jordan's King Hussein, in an apparent attempt to quiet rumors that have risen with his illness, said yesterday that his brother, Crown Prince Hassan, would become king once his rule ends.

"The heir to the throne is my brother, whom I have chosen over many others in the past years, and he has proved to be up to the responsibility and has been performing his duties to the utmost," Hussein told Radio Monte Carlo from the US, where he is undergoing treatment for lymphatic cancer..

Hussein, the longest-reigning ruler in the Middle East, marked 46 years on the throne yesterday. He felt so good after his first chemotherapy treatment that he piloted his own C-4 aircraft to Washington for a brief respite, Queen Noor said in an interview broadcast Monday. *News agencies*

Arafat, in South Africa, meets with Mandela and his deputy

Mbeki slams Israel

By PAUL HARRIS

CAPE TOWN (AP) – After meeting for nearly an hour with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat yesterday, South Africa's deputy president accused Israel of stalling in the Middle East peace process.

"It seems to us that all that [Prime Minister Binyamin] Netanyahu is doing is to try to buy time to implement his programs, rather than to work for peace for the whole Middle East region," Deputy President Thabo Mbeki was quoted as saying in an interview with the South African Press Association.

Mbeki is the anointed successor to President Nelson Mandela, who plans to retire before next year's elections.

Arafat's three-day state visit began with a meeting with Mandela, who awarded him South Africa's highest honor for foreigners – the "Order of Good Hope."

Since apartheid ended with 1994's first all-race elections, Mandela has rewarded other allies from the days of the anti-apartheid struggle such as Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi and former Indonesia president Suharto.

Arafat presented Mandela with the Star of Holy Jerusalem medal while an official read a statement praising Mandela's role in bringing democracy to South Africa and support for creating a Palestinian state.

"Congratulations, Yasser," Mandela said as he draped the sash over Arafat's green army shirt and black-and-white head scarf.

Officials also signed two declarations of intent for closer links in health and education.

It was Arafat's first visit since South Africa and the Palestinian Authority established diplomatic ties in 1995.

In a scene unthinkable under white rule, Arafat also held talks with Marthinus van Schalkwyk, leader of the opposition National Party which ruled during apartheid. Posing for photographers, the two men shook hands and smiled broadly.

Arafat described the meeting as having gone "very positively," while van Schalkwyk said: "It shows that things can change."



South African President Nelson Mandela presents the 'Order Of Good Hope' to Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat during a meeting in Cape Town yesterday. (AP)

PA calls for probe of salesman's death

By STEVE RODAN

Palestinian Authority chief Yasser Arafat has ordered an investigation into the death of a Bethlehem-area insurance salesman, whom a Palestinian human rights group charges was tortured.

The investigation concerns the death on Sunday of 45-year-old Walid Mahmoud Qawasma, a father of eight and manager of a Bethlehem insurance office. Qawasma was in detention for two weeks and died on his way to a Nablus hospital.

PA officials said Qawasma died as a result of the extreme heat in his cell. They said his body temperature was 41 degrees when he was brought to a Jericho hospital. From there he was transferred to Nablus's Rafadiya Hospital, where he died on the way.

Qawasma's family said they found bruises around his head and chest. The Palestinian Human Rights Monitoring Group said this was confirmed by those who conducted the autopsy. PA officials have not released the findings of the autopsy.

Both Qawasma's family and the human rights group said the PA had not accused Qawasma of anything.

The PA investigation will be headed by Col. Mohammed Bashtawi. In an interview on PA radio, he said he hopes the investigation will be completed within a few days.

Human rights activists said previous PA investigations into the death of Palestinians in official custody have virtually never led to prosecutions or convictions.

Causes for previous unity governments don't prevail now

ANALYSIS

By MARK A. HELLER

The revelation that Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Labor Party leader Ehud Barak have been holding secret talks about the possibility of forming a national unity government has revived, yet again, public discussion of one of the most persistent themes in Israeli politics.

This idea resurfaces every time a government runs into some difficulty – which is to say, on a fairly regular basis – but it has actually been adopted only twice, in the face of urgent threats about which there was a fairly broad degree of national consensus.

The first occasion was in the spring of 1967, when the government had a stable majority but felt the need to mobilize the nation to deal with the Egyptian-led Arab military threat that gave every sign of escalating to war.

The second was in 1984, following an inconclusive election, in order to deal with the twin problems of extricating the IDF from the Lebanese quagmire and taming the hyperinflation and balance-of-payments crisis that were ravaging the Israeli economy.

These governments functioned reasonably well, as long as they focused on the immediate issues. In fact, the second one was indispensable, because no other parliamentary constellation would have permitted a government to act.

But once those discrete problems were dealt with, the grand coalitions quickly outlived their usefulness. And when other, more diffuse challenges emerged, the programmatic differences between the main parties led either to the withdrawal of one (in 1969, in response to the American proposals concerning the peace process with Egypt) or to mutual neutralization and a government of national paralysis in 1986 – a government that was reconstituted after the 1988 election, notwithstanding prime minister Shamir's rejection of the London Agreement fashioned by Shimon Peres the year before.

In both cases, the price of national unity was a much weakened opposition, which could neither challenge the government nor stimulate the public debate. And in the latter case, this development was accompanied by conceptual stagnation, resulting in the failure both to anticipate the intifada and to react properly to it.

There is no doubt that a national unity government is a popular idea. This might appear strange, given the intensity and the passions of political differences in Israel. Perhaps it is precisely the discomfort with those divisions and the fear about where they may lead that explain the desire to make them go away.

There is also a belief that a government with a large Knesset majority would somehow be able to function more efficiently, or at least to pursue its objectives more effectively in the face of Arab and international pressure. But this presupposes some common objectives, especially on the most divisive issue of all – the peace process – and there is little evidence of that.

Previous national unity governments had nothing to do with narrow Knesset majorities; they were formed to deal with imminent crises, which did not include an impasse in the peace process. In fact, it was differences over the peace process that ultimately led to their dissolution.

The current deadlock over the second redeployment may indeed be the basis of a crisis, but it is not universally perceived as such, which is why a national unity government is far from a foregone conclusion. Still, the redeployment issue is the closest approximation we have to the real crises of 1967 and 1984.

So if the historical record provides any clue, it is that a national unity government, if formed now, could at best hope to approve the redeployment, for which polls show greater support in the public than in the current governing coalition. But unless its purpose is narrowly defined – to act quickly on this issue and then move immediately to new elections – its fate will probably be the same as that of its predecessors.

DEFENSE
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Ministers will reconvene for a third discussion on the budget after failing to vote last night on the Treasury-proposed NIS 173.8b. spending package, within an overall budget of NIS 217b.

The war of words between Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky and Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel intensified yesterday with the former warning cabinet colleagues they will be responsible for increased unemployment if they accept the Treasury's budget proposals.

Sharansky has in recent weeks become increasingly outspoken against the central bank's tight monetary policy and the Treasury's refusal to allow any breach of the government's budget deficit target.

"Don't hide behind the governor's theories," he advised his cabinet colleagues, adding, "The minute you vote for the Treasury's program, you will be responsible for the unemployment, which will continue to increase next year."

While Frenkel was speaking he was subjected to series of attacks, principally from Sharansky and Science Minister Silvan Shalom.

Frenkel told the cabinet any increase in the budget deficit "would be a dangerous step that would bring about an increase in the government's debt, a rise in interest rates in the long term and increasing the tax burden in the future, in addition to hitting employment and growth."

Sharansky, Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein and the remaining five Yisrael Ba'aliya MKs are threatening to vote against the budget in its present outline form.

The debate on the particulars of each ministry's expenditure will commence at the end of this month.

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"I think it is important that we all as Americans send a clear signal to the world that we are not going to back away from our involvement with other people, and we are not going to back away from our opposition to terrorism," Clinton said at the beginning of an environmental speech.

"It makes us more vulnerable as targets because we have taken the toughest stand around the world against terrorism. Now is the time to bear down, not back up, on that, and that is my determination and I believe that is what the American people support."

At the wreckage of the Dar es Salaam embassy, a dozen FBI agents swept and raked Laibon Road in front of the embassy building to search for evidence.

At the United Nations, the Security Council condemned the bombings as "despicable and barbarous terrorist attacks," saying it plans to consider a resolution on the issue.

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

THE WEEKLY MEETING of the English-speaking Jerusalem Rotary Club will take place tonight at 8:00 p.m. at the YMCA Auditorium for a concert of The Whiffenpoofs from Yale. Tickets at the entrance.

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Members of the IDF rescue squad in Nairobi brief OC Home Front Command Maj.-Gen. Gabi Ofir about their progress yesterday, at the site of the bombing. The team is concentrating its efforts on trying to rescue a woman called Rose who might still be alive.
(AP/IDF Spokesman)

IDF probes Hizbullah infiltration

2 soldiers wounded in south Lebanon

By DAVID RUDGE

Two IDF soldiers were lightly wounded yesterday evening when mortar shells were fired at the Beaufort Castle position in the eastern sector of the security zone.

The soldiers were given first aid at the scene and then taken to Rebecca Sieff Hospital in Safed for further treatment.

Meanwhile, the army is continuing to investigate how a Hizbullah gunman reached the outskirts of an outpost in the security zone manned by paratroopers and escaped despite being shot by the soldiers.

Initial inquiries into the incident, which occurred on Sunday evening at the Soujud stronghold in the eastern sector of the zone, have revealed that the gunman hurled a grenade at one of the soldiers.

The grenade failed to explode because he had forgotten, apparently in his haste, to pull the safety pin on the device.

This, reportedly, enabled the soldier who was patrolling the perimeter and was apparently taken by surprise by the gunman to grapple with the intruder.

It is still not clear, however, why the paratrooper, despite the apparent suddenness of the encounter, did not immediately fire his own weapon at the gunman, who was also armed with an automatic rifle as well as at least two grenades.

According to some reports, it was only when other soldiers hearing the commotion reached the scene that shots were fired at the Hizbullah gunman.

Despite being wounded he still managed to evade the paratroopers after throwing down his weapons.

The inquiry being led by Brig.-Gen. Erez Gerstein, head of the IDF's Lebanese Liaison Unit, is also concentrating on how the small Hizbullah squad managed to reach the area without being seen.

One of the gunman climbed a short but steep rock face to reach the ramparts of the stronghold and then either cut through or clambered over barbed wire fencing surrounding the position, also without being observed.

The gunman had reached the trench encircling the ramparts before being suddenly discovered by the patrolling paratrooper.

Gerstein yesterday met and debriefed the soldiers and officers who were at post at the time of the incident and his findings will be submitted to OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Gaby Ashkenazi, who will turn them over to Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Shaul Mofaz.

The incident was dubbed a debacle in some Hebrew newspapers. According to one report, the soldiers may have been complacent, and a few suffered from low motivation.

Yassin: Embassy bombers acted in self-defense

Hamas leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin said yesterday that he does not know who was behind the bombing of two US embassies in East Africa, but that whoever was responsible acted in "self-defense."

"America has placed itself by the side of Israel against the Arab and Moslem world," Yassin said in an interview. "So it should be no surprise when people seek revenge against this unjust American policy."

Friday's nearly simultaneous attacks on American embassies in Kenya and Tanzania claimed at least 217 lives – including 12 Americans – and injured nearly 5,000. The bombing in Nairobi was the deadliest attack ever on a US embassy.

Asked about the bombings, Yassin said: "I consider what happened self-defense by someone who was seeking revenge for the injustice of American policy and the destruction it has brought on their country."

There has been no claim of responsibility in the attacks, but Israeli and US officials have said they were looking into possible involvement by exiled Islamic militant and Saudi financier Usama Bin Laden.

Yassin said Hamas knew nothing of the bombers' identity.

"We have no information if Bin Laden stands or does not stand behind these bombings," he said. "We have nothing to do with Usama.... He is not in our country."

The sheikh scoffed at US investigators, saying, "American intelligence is deluded – they do not know who their enemy is."

He explicitly denied any Hamas involvement in the attacks.

"We are not willing to open fire on America," he said. "Our battle is on the land of Palestine and we will not take it outside... because it does not serve our cause or our people."

Yassin said Hamas has not carried out any terror attacks lately not because of any ideological change but "due to circumstances in the field... the fighters are facing.

"This is because the Israeli, Palestinian and American intelligence are all working together against the activities of our sons," Yassin said. But Hamas, he said, "will continue its jihad... It had not laid down its weapons."

(AP)

Air collision averted over Eilat

By LIAT COLLINS

Transport Minister Shaul Yahalom yesterday confirmed that a US Air Force Hercules transport nearly collided with an Israeli passenger plane above Eilat in May after it had strayed from course.

The matter was raised in a parliamentary question by Tsomet MK Pini Badash, who asked about the possible lack of communication with the military plane and whether new instructions had been issued in view of recent "near accidents" between planes.

In his response, received by Badash yesterday, Yahalom wrote that the US plane had been flying outside Israeli airspace and had been in contact with the Jordanian air traffic controllers monitoring the area.

Yahalom said that, since Jordanian and Israeli airspace and airports are very close in the Eilat/Akaba area, there are clear flight regulations on both sides to prevent planes from entering the airspace of the other country without prior coordination.

"The US plane penetrated the [Israeli] airspace without permission or prior coordination. The Eilat air traffic control made a security separation between the [Israeli] plane which was about to land in Eilat and the US place which had strayed from course," Yahalom said.

He said the Israeli and Jordanian control towers maintain radio communication since the first El Al flight to Akaba, "a fact which helps prevent this type of incident." Yahalom said the incident was the result "of a clear mistake by the US pilot" and noted that the Air Traffic Authority had reported on it to the US Embassy.

PA minister squares off with Palestinian daily

By STEVE RODAN and MOHAMMED NAJIB

A battle has erupted between a Palestinian minister and the leading Arab daily in the territories over the newspaper's right to publish advertising the minister finds objectionable.

The battle pits Palestinian Authority Information Minister Yasser Abbed Rabbo against *Al Quds*.

Abbed Rabbo launched the first salvo when he called on Palestinians to save their money and not publish congratulations for the new PA cabinet in any of the three Arabic-language dailies. Abbed Rabbo's suggested that Palestinians intending to publish congratulations instead donate the costs of the advertisement to those Palestinians who lost their homes due to IDF demolitions or donate it to PA-aligned committees to confront Jewish settlements.

The minister pledged that he would publish the names of the donors in Palestinian newspapers.

But *Al Quds*, which enjoys the most advertising in the Palestinian sector, refused to publish the names of these donors.

In response, Abbed Rabbo's chief aide, director-general Mohammed Suleiman, filed a complaint with the acting PA attorney-general, charging that this violates the PA press law. He accused *Al Quds* of accepting advertisements for sex while refusing a PA request to pay for the publishing of a list of donors.

Al Quds director-general Marwan Abu Zuluf replied yesterday, saying, "Nobody has the right to tell the citizens how to use their money."

Al-Quds dedicated it's lead editorial yesterday to the subject of its battle with the PA. The editorial said it regards Abbed Rabbo's campaign as a violation of citizens' rights. It said a newspaper has the right to refuse advertising it regards as being against its interests.

The newspaper wondered where the Information Ministry is obtaining money to publish advertising at a time the entire PA is sustaining a severe budget crisis. The newspaper suggested that the PA use its money to help confront Jewish settlements.

"Finally before the minister asked *Al-Quds* to publish an advertisement for him, he should pay the NIS 10,000, the price of his previous advertisements in *Al-Quds*," the editorial concludes.

Opening up Dimona

BACKGROUND

By STEVE RODAN and ROAN STREET

Israel's decades-old policy of ambiguity regarding its nuclear power capabilities is at the crux of the debate surrounding the latest plan about opening up the Dimona reactor plant to inspectors.

Under this policy, Israel has refused to confirm or deny that it has nuclear weapons. At the same time, its leaders have occasionally suggested that the country possesses nuclear technology.

The first public statements reflecting this ambiguity came in October 1968, when prime minister Levi Eshkol and foreign minister Abba Eban made virtually identical declarations that "Israel knows the secret of the atomic bomb," although it was a long way from producing one.

The policy of ambiguity was sorely tested in 1986 when Mordechai Vanunu, a former technician at the Dimona reactor, provided photographs of the facility to *The Sunday Times* of London.

In 1963, US president John Kennedy personally tried to stop Israel from obtaining a nuclear option. Kennedy, according to Israeli and US historians, rejected virtually every Israeli appeal for weapons or security guarantees, linking them all to US inspection of the Dimona reactor to ensure it would come under tight international inspection before it was activated and became capable of producing nuclear weapons.

On May 27, 1963, prime minister David Ben-Gurion wrote Kennedy that he agreed in principle to US inspection visits, which were to take place every two years. In return, Kennedy approved the first sale of offensive weapons to Israel.

Neither Kennedy nor Ben-Gurion took another step. About one month later, Ben-Gurion resigned. That November, Kennedy was assassinated. The two new players were Levi Eshkol and Lyndon Johnson.

For six years, Israel and the US haggled over the terms of Israel joining the NPT. Aides to Eshkol urged him to end the US visits to Dimona, saying Washington was leaking the information on Israel's nuclear program to the media as part of its campaign to force it to sign the treaty.

On April 12, 1969, Western sources say, US scientists visited Dimona for the last time. A *New York Times* report says the scientists complained of Israel restricting their access in the facility and concluded that they could not be sure that Israel was not producing nuclear weapons in Dimona.

According to Prof. Yuval Ne'eman, former science minister and a pioneer of Israel's nuclear program, the plan to allow inspections is dangerous for Israel.

"Israel's position has always been that we won't be the ones to initiate a nuclear attack, but we reserve the right to defend ourselves," he told Israel Radio. "If we join the covenant, it means that inspectors will be able to come and see what we've done until now, in order to be sure we don't do more than that in the future."

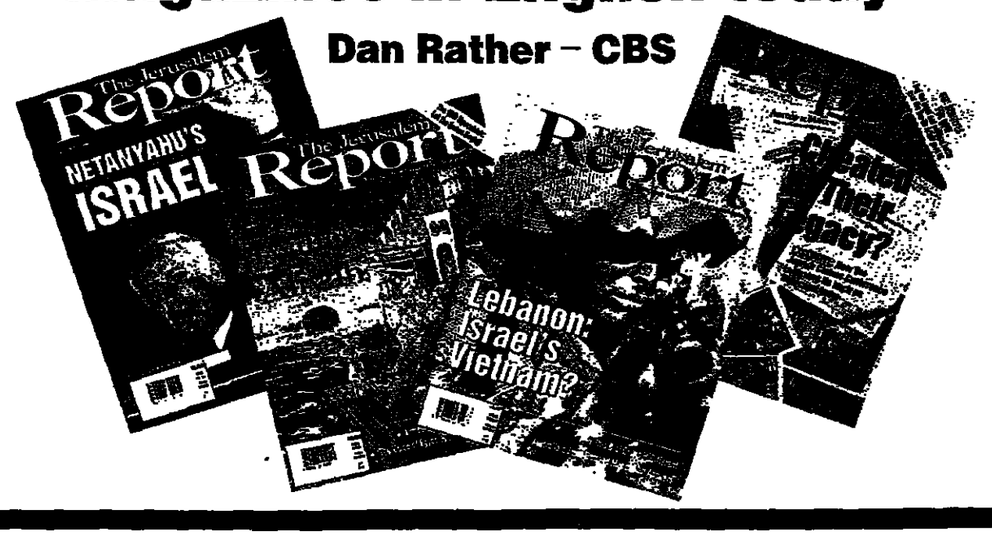
According to an expert closely identified with Israel's nuclear program, Israel's refusal to sign the NPT has allowed it to create an infrastructure that gives it the option to produce what is necessary.

"The NPT turned out to be a joke," the expert said. "Because Saddam Hussein signed the NPT, it gave the German firms an excuse to sell nuclear materials to Iraq without being held responsible for their actions."

If Israel signs the treaty, he said, it will lose its options and no longer be able to use the threat of nuclear capability as a deterrent.

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AIR CANADA

Meretz announces J'lem city council list

By AMY KLEIN

Meretz presented its list the Jerusalem municipal elections at a press conference yesterday, with the party's mayoral candidate, Naomi Chazan, saying the city in the last five years has become more divided than when she was born in 1947.

"Jerusalem has been called the 'City of Angels;' unfortunately, no one wants to live here," said Chazan, the first woman to run for the post.



Naomi Chazan (Isaac Harari)

Her campaign goals are to fight religious coercion, create equality between Arabs and Jews, and to increase employment opportunities to stop people from leaving the city, she said.

Chazan announced her candidacy last Wednesday, following local Meretz leader Oman Yekutieli's sudden resignation.

Yekutieli, who headed the local Meretz list for 10 years, quit because of a fight with national Meretz leaders over the list's composition. He plans to run on a separate list.

Chazan will be running only for mayor, not for a place on the city council. The first seat on the Meretz list for city council went to Joseph Pepe Alolie, a former engineer for the Israel Electric Corporation and local party activist. City councilwoman Anat Hoffman has the second seat, followed by Meir Margalit, a municipality worker with dealing with disadvantaged youth, and Udi Arnon, a city planner.

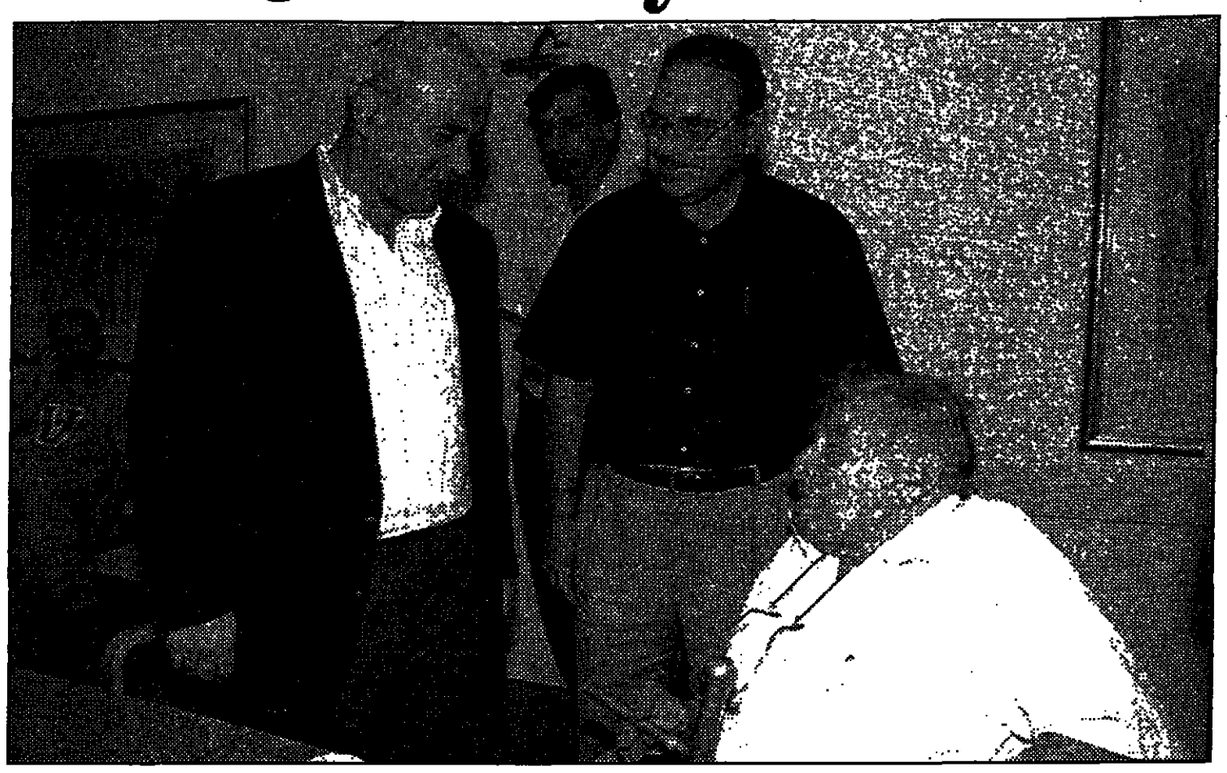
Yesterday morning Rali Ben-David – an independent candidate who had formed her own Revolution list – joined the Meretz list. Ben-David, 32, is a single mother from the Katamonim neighborhood and wants to help single mothers and underprivileged families. Meretz will give the sixth seat to an Arab, party chairman MK Yossi Sarid said.

Sarid denied reports that the party considered joining a coalition with Mayor Ehud Olmert's United Jerusalem party.

The Jerusalem Meretz branch will not form a coalition with other parties before the election, Hoffman said. Hadash preferred to run an all-Arab list rather than join Meretz, she noted.

Later in the afternoon, Labor mayoral candidate Shimon Shetreet signed a coalition agreement with Third Way leader Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani.

Shetreet guaranteed the fifth seat on the list to Avi Balashnikov, head of Kahalani's bureau at the ministry. The first four seats will be divided between Shetreet's One Jerusalem faction and Labor Party members.



Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani (left) chats yesterday with former Jerusalem mayor Teddy Kollek (seated), as One Jerusalem mayoral candidate Shimon Shetreet looks on. Kahalani's party, The Third Way, signed an agreement with Shetreet that assures a Third Way representative a place on Shetreet's city council list. (Isaac Harari)

MKs check up on women recruits

By LIAT COLLINS

Left, right, left: MKs Yael Dayan (Labor), Ruby Rivlin (Likud) and Naomi Chazan (Meretz) went back to the army for one day yesterday.

The three, members of the Knesset Committee on the Status of Women, followed the entire induction procedure of 450 women.

The recruits started their service at the IDF Induction Center at Tel Hashomer by parting with parents, receiving inoculations, and then being issued uniforms.

"The committee was pleased to discover that the cut in the length of service for women soldiers has not affected the range of jobs offered to the recruits," said Dayan, its chairperson.

Dayan told the new recruits that as an IDF officer she had taught new immigrants to use weapons.

Chazan, who chairs the subcommittee on the IDF, said, "The draft is a challenge for girls who must find a way to fulfill themselves and their aspirations in what is a situation of inequality, although the IDF is making an effort to become more equal. Our challenge as committee members is to make the IDF give women complete equality."

She said she was happy to see the new fields in army service that have opened up to women soldiers as a result of pressure from the committee, such as pilots' courses and eligibility to be sea-going naval officers.

"And I was even happier to hear from the recruits themselves that the large majority want to serve in combat and quality positions," Chazan said. "There is no doubt that the girls' motivation is much greater than the IDF dares to deal with."

Rivlin said, "The importance of the induction of a girl into the IDF is the same as the importance of the induction of a boy, in that the aim of the IDF and state is that they will fulfill themselves."

"We should aim for more positions being filled by women soldiers even if they are not yet combat soldiers," he added. "They certainly should be alongside the combat soldiers and training them."

Dayan noted that among the possibilities newly available for female soldiers are jobs ranging from truck drivers to electronics, which prepare them for work in later civilian life. "There is much more openness to the girls' own wishes, not just to place them to fill a hole," she said.

Yahalom: GSS interrogators should be investigated

By AMY KLEIN

The attorney-general should investigate the General Security Service officers responsible for interrogating the four Kiryat Arba minors arrested on suspicion of arson, Transportation Minister Shaul Yahalom wrote in a letter to Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein yesterday.

The minors, who were released last week, complained that GSS investigators had violated their rights. Yahalom wrote that the minors were arrested without a warrant and were not read their rights. The GSS threatened the minors with a longer arrest if they kept silent, Yahalom wrote, and pressured them to take polygraph tests – which minors are not obligated to take.

"I do not know of one incident in the history of the state where the state's authorities violated the basic rights of minors so severely," Yahalom wrote. He also asked Rubinstein to establish a committee to determine permissible interrogation procedures for minors.

"Whoever violates the basic rights of minors must be held accountable for their actions," Yahalom said. "The State of Israel, as a Jewish democratic state, cannot ignore such severe violations of the rights of its citizens by the GSS and police."

Yahalom was referring to Jewish minors, his spokesman said.

One of the minors' mothers complained that the local media have ignored the plight of her son, "because they are hoping to sweep it under the table. We have no recourse through the Israeli court system, because they condoned the interrogation. But we will not let this rest."

The family, who immigrated from New York 15 years ago, sent a four-page letter to the US Consulate yesterday. They complained Israel violated international treaties pertaining to the rights of minors, and that America should help them get compensation from the Israeli government.

"An Israeli binational is subject to the laws of the country they live in," said the consulate spokesman, Duncan McKanness. An American citizen who wants to sue the Israeli government should take it to an American court, and not the consulate or state department, he said.

Avi Leipner, an international lawyer trained in America, said he doubts the family has a case. "Technically they could sue Israel, but the United States government would have to represent the family in an international court. Given the the fact that both countries have friendly relations, I don't think that's going to happen."

Beduin threaten to avenge man's death

Beduin leaders threatened to avenge the killing of a 22-year-old Beduin and voiced a lack of confidence in the state's justice system yesterday, following the release of the main suspect.

Suleiman Jalidan, whose wife is pregnant with their second child, was shot to death late Thursday night while he was trespassing in a firing zone near the Tzihor Junction in the Arava.

A warden from the Nature Protection and National Parks Authority suspected of shooting Jalidan was arrested and was released on Friday morning by a Beersheba court.

Beduin leaders expressed their outrage at a press conference in Beersheba.

"This was a murder that has been expected due to the wardens' political attitudes toward Beduin," said Suleiman Hamid, speaking on behalf of Jalidan's Azazma tribe.

"I have experienced many house demolitions, and displays of brutality of violence against Beduin by wardens."

"Until this point, when they took away our rights and destroyed our homes, we were silent. We have had our fill [of abuses] and will be silent no more," MK Taleb A-Sanaa (Democratic Arab Party) said. "Perhaps you think there will be a day or two of rioting and we will calm down, but we will not calm down.... we no longer trust the justice system, which has issued a license to kill."

He announced that there will be a protest march tomorrow from the Agriculture Ministry's Beersheba office to the city's courthouse.

NPNPA director Aharon Vardi yesterday expressed his condolences to the bereaved family and asked the Beduin leaders and the family to meet with him, in a bid to calm the situation.

He said that the authority is still waiting to receive the police report on the killing. (Itim)

Budget cutbacks in PM's Office cripple Jewish-Arab camp

By DAVID RUDGE

A Jewish-Arab summer camp that has sought to foster co-existence during the last decade has been dealt a financial blow by the Prime Minister's Office.

The Shemesh non-profit organization, which runs the Galilee camp, has also been hit by a drop in funding from abroad. It has been forced to markedly curtail its activities.

Shemesh director Harry Rhodes said former sponsors in Europe had informed the organization that they would not support the project this year because of the deadlock in the peace process.

"The number of participants in the summer camp had grown from 50 youngsters, from Moshav Shorashim and the neighbouring Moslem village of Sha'ab when we started in 1989, to 300 last year," said Rhodes, himself a resident of Moshav Shorashim.

The diversity of participants also grew, he said, with youngsters coming from five other Arab towns and villages in the Galilee, including Christians, Druse and Beduin, as well as Moslems. Jewish youths came from 15 Jewish communities in the Misgav region, where the camp is located, and nearby Karmiel.

"This year because of the financial cutbacks we have been forced to reduce the number of summer camps from three to one and the number of participants from 300 to just 75 – from Sha'ab and Sakhnin and Jewish youngsters from Karmiel and the Misgav region," he said.

Rhodes said that Shemesh, which promotes Jewish-Arab co-existence in the Galilee through projects like the summer camp, had in the past received NIS 45,000 from a fund run by the Prime Minister's office, as well as NIS 30,000 from the Education Ministry.

This year, however, it received NIS 22,000 from the Education Ministry and nothing from the Prime Minister's Office. "The response we received from the latter was that they did not have enough money and that other cases or issues had higher priority," said Rhodes.

David Bar-Illan, director of communications for the Prime Minister's Office said in response that he would examine the matter.

"We are interested in this project and would very much like to help. I'm going to look into the budgetary problems which may have caused this rejection and see if they can be resolved," said Bar-Illan.

IMA chairman scores Knesset for smoking violations

By JUDY SIEGEL

The entire Knesset building should be off-limits to smoking, because the 1994 law passed there to restrict smoking in all work places is being violated every day, Israel Medical Association chairman Dr. Yoram Blachar says.

In a letter to Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon – an enthusiastic cigar smoker – Blachar wrote that the law allows smoking only in designated smoking areas that meet strict criteria, but that during his many visits to parliament, he noted that the law is not enforced. Non-smoking MKs, staffers, and visitors are forced to breathe in toxins that endanger their health. Declaring the Knesset building a no-smoking area would be an example to all, Blachar said.

The law allows employers to set up smoking areas, but also enables them to prohibit smoking in the entire workplace if they wish. If employers agree to smoking areas, these must be in areas where non-smokers don't work, enclosed by walls, and well ventilated. They may not be located in open corridors.

The Knesset, however, has no separate smoking rooms, and the designated areas are in open corners and corridors. MKs, staffers, and visitors are often seen smoking under no-smoking signs.

Deputy Health Minister and Shas MK Shlomo Benizri, a fierce opponent of smoking, said he fully supports barring smoking in the Knesset. "I myself suffer from the smoke. The Knesset is a sealed building, without open windows. I appealed to Tichon dozens of times, asking him to enforce the law, but to no avail. Ushers told me they are afraid to hand out fines, as MKs, staffers, and others threatened and ridiculed them for being nudniks. They were afraid.

"I asked Health Minister Yehoshua Matza for help, too, but he himself smokes cigars."

Knesset spokesman Giora Pordes – who said he smokes in his office – said Blachar's suggestion will be sent to Knesset legal advisers for comment, "and then we'll see what happens." Pordes added that the law restricting smoking in the workplace "is a balance between the rights of non-smokers and those of smokers" and that "our ushers have given out a number of fines."

The Knesset spokesman, who could not cite how many smokers have been fined, was also not aware of the fact that open-air smoking corners, such as those in the House, violate the law.

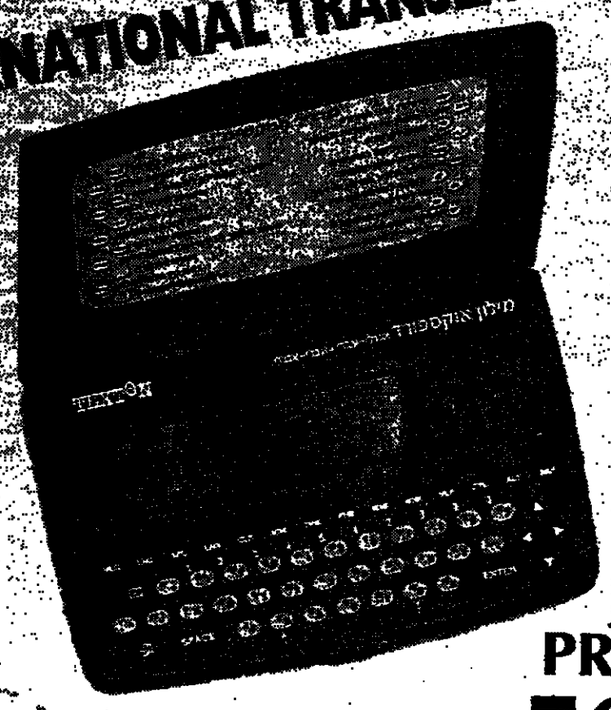
The law also allows employers to forbid smoking throughout the premises, without taking the demands of smokers into consideration.

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High Court orders Yishai to hire women

By NOAH STREIT and Itim

The High Court of Justice ordered Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai to make more of an effort to hire women for positions in the upper echelons of the National Insurance Institute.

The court also effectively dismissed Yishai appointee Baruch Marom, in ruling yesterday on a petition that Rachel Benziman, legal adviser for the Israel Women's Network, filed against Yishai following Marom's appointment as a deputy director-general for the NII.

A position for an NII deputy director-general became vacant at the end of last year. At the time, there were seven men and one woman serving as deputy directors-general. Yishai asked the committee supervising appointments to public companies to approve the Marom's appointment to the vacant position despite the imbalance. The committee approved Marom's appointment for a six-month trial period, with the understanding that Yishai would consider a woman the next time there is an opening for a deputy director-general.

The IWN later was informed that Hana Ranel, who has worked for the NII for 26 years, also had applied for the job but had received no response.

The IWN petitioned the High Court, questioning Yishai's judgement for appointing Marom.

Justices Mishael Heshin, Yitzhak Zamir and Dorit Beinish ordered the ministry to conduct a thorough search for a qualified candidate to replace Marom in six weeks, when his six-month trial period ends. In doing so, Yishai should put more effort into giving female job applicants "preferential treatment."

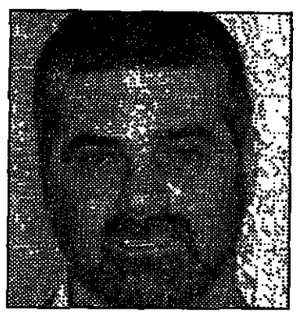
"This judgement is important and precedental," Benziman said in a statement. "It is a breakthrough and a serious stride towards fair treatment of women in Israel's public sector."

Sheves indicted for bribery, fraud, and extortion

Shimon Sheves, the former director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, was charged yesterday in Jerusalem District Court with bribery, fraud and other offenses.

A section of the indictment dealing with a sensitive security matter was kept sealed, with the state attorney claiming Israel's foreign relations could be harmed if it were published.

The next step is for Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein to hold a hearing for Sheves, after which he will determine how to proceed.



Shimon Sheves (Ephraim Kilshtok)

Sheves is accused of accepting a bribe, fraud, breach of trust and extortion.

The indictment alleges that Sheves used his position to advance the personal interests of his friends in exchange for benefits.

Sheves and his friend Moshe Stern are alleged to have maintained a financial relationship, under which Stern transferred large sums of money to Sheves in exchange for the promotion of Stern's business interests.

The state attorney claims that the transfers were camouflaged as profits from a rise in the value of securities.

Sheves is also accused of using his position as the official responsible for streamlining building procedures to advance the interests of his friend Gil Shuldenfrei, the owner of the Ligad Building company.

Sheves is also charged with pressuring the deputy director-general of the National Insurance Institute, Gideon Kadman, so the NII would buy into the Sha'arei Hair project in Jerusalem, built by Ligad. (Itim)

Church calls for halt in putting up new crosses at Auschwitz

WARSAW (AP) – Poland's top Catholic figure reversed himself yesterday and called for followers to stop putting up crosses outside the former Nazi death camp at Auschwitz.

The strongly worded statement by Cardinal Jozef Glemp was a conciliatory move in the escalating controversy over dozens of crosses erected in the past three weeks on property adjoining Auschwitz.

The Israeli government and Jewish groups, including the Simon Wiesenthal Center, have formally protested to Poland's government about the newly erected crosses near Auschwitz, where more than 1 million Jews died in the Holocaust.

Glemp appealed to Catholic bishops in Poland to "try to restrain the growth of that non-church action," referring to the crosses put up by Catholics near a larger cross that has stood at the site since 1988.

A loose group of Catholic followers, inspired by a former Solidarity activist and author of antisemitic pamphlets, intend to erect 152 crosses at the site to commemorate the 152 Poles killed at that spot by the Nazis.

For them, the eight-meter cross that has stood at the site since 1988 has become a symbol of the Nazis' Polish victims. Jewish groups have long protested that the presence of that cross is disrespectful of Jewish victims.

Glemp said the new crosses which "irresponsible groups" were putting up diminished "the meaning of the cross-symbol."

His statement followed comments by top government figures Monday about a possible compromise in the dispute, which has touched on one of the most emotional remnants of the war – how to preserve the camp that symbolized Nazi brutality and calculated killing.

The Polish government has said it lacks authority to remove the crosses because the property is privately owned and the placement of religious symbols is up to the Catholic Church.

On Monday the Wiesenthal Center condemned the Polish government for not removing the crosses. In a letter to Poland's ambassador to the US, center officials said the crosses indicate that extremists want to alter history.

"The installation of these crosses in Auschwitz sends a clear signal to Jewish communities throughout the world that your government, in effect, cedes its international responsibility on this matter to a group of Polish extremists who intend to impose the symbols of Christianity upon Jewish suffering," the letter said.

Jan Karski, a non-Jewish secret courier for the Polish government-in-exile during the Holocaust, who delivered eyewitness testimony of the physical extermination of European Jewry to Allied leaders issued a public letter criticizing the crosses.

"Poland is ill served by the growing conflict over crosses placed on the grounds of the so-called gravel pit which constitutes an integral part of the Auschwitz site," he wrote.

"These actions have nothing to do with faith or with religion. They are an expression of conceit, contempt, and desire to humble our 'older brothers' in our joint faith in God. These feelings and actions are contrary to true Catholicism and they bring painful, acute shame because the use of religion and its symbols for political purposes is sacrilege."

Karski was smuggled into and out of Treblinka and then personally informed US president Franklin Roosevelt and British prime minister Winston Churchill of what was going on there after he was sent to the West. He dedicated himself to the vain attempt to mobilize the West to rescue the Jews and was designated as a Righteous Gentile by Yad Vashem.

Jubilee Association rebuffs Sharon

By HELEN KAYE

Jubilee Association head Doron Shmueli said yesterday that he does not understand why National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon had applied for funds to the association as it is concerned only with events related to the State's Jubilee.

Sharon had requested the association's participation for an event commemorating the 25th anniversary of the crossing of the Suez Canal, an operation which turned the tide in Israel's favor in the Yom Kippur War.

"The government established criteria for funding events," Shmueli said, "and I am the general manager of the Jubilee, not for events which happened 25 years ago. If I acceded to Sharon's request, I would have to honor similar requests from bodies no less worthy that the division organizing this event."

In his letter to Shmueli, Sharon wrote: "I regret and was ashamed at your decision to deny sponsorship and support to the commemoration of this heroic battle... 'because it does not meet the criteria.'

"This historic battle," he continued, "contributed to peace with Egypt and is thus an indissoluble part of the Jubilee."



Record breaker

Eleven models, who have a combined weight of one ton, descend the stairs of a Tel Aviv mall yesterday wearing what organizers said is the world's largest pair of jeans and would earn a place in 'The Guinness Book of World Records.' The jeans, sponsored by a store for oversized clothing, were made from 50 meters of fabric and are seven meters wide and 1.75 meters long.

(Reuters)

Survey to check nation's dental health

By JUDY SIEGEL

Some 1,500 adults aged 35 to 44 will be invited to undergo a short, free dental examination in their home to provide data for the Health Ministry's first-ever national survey on the condition of the nation's teeth.

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Warriors of Islam

Column One



Thomas O'Dwyer

American investigators are hunting for the bombers of the Nairobi and Dar es Salaam embassies. If they were to round up the usual suspects, how many would there be?

There is an official figure of terrorist suspects in the FBI's files – 3,000 organizations and 200,000 suspect individuals. Good luck with that.

The main investigation is now housed in a sealed building next to the blast-damaged embassy in Nairobi. Compared with the aftermath of previous terrorist attacks, sources close to the investigation are being remarkably circumspect, as terse as Tacitus.

That's the Oklahoma Effect. After the Oklahoma City bombing, motor-mouth police spokesmen and media pundits unleashed a flood of speculation that amounted to naked racism against Moslems and Arabs in the United States and abroad. Unnamed witnesses were quoted as seeing "men of Middle Eastern appearance fleeing the scene," a new twist on alien sightings. Oklahoma, which turned out to be terrorism by good ole white boys and self-styled all-American patriots, left red faces sitting atop red necks. Hence the caution this time.

Jihad speaks

Yet there is such a thing as statistical probability. "The theory that this has nothing to do with Africa is a good place to start," one investigation source told *The Washington Post*. In the careful speculation that has crept into the media so far, two names seem to me worthy of attention: Islamic Jihad and Usama Bin Laden.

What is significant is not the post-factum claims of responsibility for the bombings – any fool and his fax can become the United Strugglers Islamic Front – but one interesting advance warning.

On Thursday, a day before the 10:00 a.m. simultaneous bombings in Africa, the Arabic newspaper *Al Hayat* reported a statement from Islamic Jihad (the Egyptian organization of that common name) which said: "We inform the Americans that a response is being prepared, and we hope they will read with attention what we will write with God's help in language they will understand."

The "response" was for the part played by US agents in persuading the Albanian government to extradite three Egyptian Islamic Jihad terrorists back to Cairo to stand trial for attacks on tourists, according to *Al Hayat*.

Since the arrests were made in Albania at the end of June, the time was ample for Islamic Jihad to prepare the "response" and a vague warning the morning before.

Laden with loot

Usama Bin Laden is a name several US investigators put high on the list for scrutiny. In modern revolutionary Islamic mythology, Bin Laden is a legend for his guerrilla warfare against the Soviets in Afghanistan.

In the West, he is known as the only billionaire terrorist and the banker of fundamentalist Islam. He has declared the United States his personal enemy. By his own admission, he recruited and trained fundamentalists from all over the Islamic and Arab world for Afghanistan – Egyptians, Algerians, Lebanese, Kuwaitis, Turks and Tunisians – "not hundreds but thousands," he said in a rare interview in 1996. Intelligence sources say these groups remain the core of his secretive support for a wide number of terrorist organizations – Jamaa Islamiya in Egypt, Hiz al-Islami in Afghanistan, the National Islamic Front in Sudan, and dissident rebels in Saudi Arabia who have rendered the regime there completely paranoid. Since his Afghan days he has retained an extensive subversive network in Pakistan.

Intelligence sources say the Saudi secret service, aided by the Pakistanis, secured a minor coup at the end of last year when they persuaded Bin Laden's trusted chief accountant, Mohammed bin Moisaleh, to defect.

Bin Laden is of Saudi origin, but in 1994 the Saudis stripped him of citizenship. He has lived mostly in Omdurman, in the suburbs of Khartoum, since 1992. In Sudan, he ostensibly builds roads and other civil engineering projects. His net worth is estimated at $7 billion.

Tsk Fisk

The Mr. Mystery of world terrorism predictably loathes Western journalists. The only known interview with him was obtained in Khartoum in 1996 by my former Beirut colleague and compatriot, Robert Fisk – long with *The Times*, before he moved to *The Independent*.

Not that Fisk got much out his "mountain warrior of mujahedin legend" in a gold fringed robe, surrounded by "bearded taciturn figures... never more than a few yards from the man who recruited them."

He asked about the "Afghan construction workers" – hundreds of Arab fighters Bin Laden brought into Sudan to train for jihad wars in Algeria, Tunisia and Egypt. This is "the rubbish of the media and the embassies," said Bin Laden, adding that if he had training camps in Sudan he "couldn't possibly" do his job as an engineer.

After Fisk had quizzed Bin Laden about Arabs sent to Bosnia, he asked again about Algeria. A Sudanese security goon stepped in. "You have asked more than enough questions," he said ominously as Bin Laden slid out of sight.

Too many questions, too few answers. And that brings us back to where we started – with a team of FBI men huddled in a sealed building by the US embassy in Nairobi, seeking answers in the scraps of rubble from those lives lost in the bombings.

Hillary for president!

Bill Clinton's troubles have only made his wife more popular with the American public

By ELIZABETH SHOGREN

WASHINGTON — Not counting her husband, Hillary Rodham Clinton has outpaced all other Democrats in recent months in raising money to win back the House of Representatives.

The first lady is hot. And Democratic candidates and operatives are doing all they can to make the most of it – despite President Clinton's problems.

After years of lousy showings in public opinion polls – sometimes lower than her husband's – Mrs. Clinton's favorable ratings returned to a high level that she had not experienced since the first inaugural. Recent polls have shown her favorable ratings as high as 65 percent – a far cry from her low point in early 1996, when only 42% viewed her favorably.

Mrs. Clinton's political metamorphosis stems in part from her fortitude in the face of the glaring indignity of charges that President Clinton was unfaithful.

"For the first time, she's a sympathetic character," said Frank Luntz, a Republican pollster. "The more that comes out about (President Clinton) the better she looks. It has softened some of the hostility of her opponents. They almost forgive her for the things that they didn't like about her previously."

Instead of hiding from public view this year as independent counsel Kenneth W. Starr has investigated her husband's alleged affair with a White House intern, Mrs. Clinton traveled the country – calling for improvements in the nation's health care and child care systems, drawing attention to the imperiled state of America's historical treasures and campaigning for Democrats.

Key to Mrs. Clinton's political success is a remarkable transformation in her image over the last several years from a threatening ideologue on the liberal fringe to an appealing advocate for centrist family-friendly policies.

"When she was the front person on health-care reform, that was an unfortunate role," said Roy Romer, chairman of the Democratic National Committee and governor of Colorado. More recently, "she's not been out in a visible way," Romer added. "She's been quietly and silently doing very important, solid work on children and family issues. Low-profile, hard work is a posture that people really applaud."

Unlike the early years of the administration, when she was sometimes booed by hostile crowds, now – and not just in partisan crowds – she is greeted like a rock star.

More than 10,000 people and posters with slogans, some saying "Hillary for President," greeted her last month in a high-school stadium in the upstate New York village of Seneca Falls. Although her topic was women's rights, Mrs. Clinton delivered a speech so absent of controversy that not even conservatives could have objected. She has muted her rhetoric and learned the art of compromise.



Hillary's political metamorphosis – her favorable ratings have gone from a low point of 42% in 1996 to over 65% today – stems in part from her fortitude in the face of the glaring indignity of charges that President Clinton was unfaithful. (AP)

"Will we admit once and for all there is no cookie-cutter model for being a successful and fulfilled woman today?" Mrs. Clinton said, evoking a self-conscious metaphor to issue the most universally unobjectionable call to arms imaginable.

Some of her longtime fans bemoan the blanding of Mrs. Clinton and miss her old willingness to swing for the fences in her efforts to improve the country.

"I think she did give in to her critics," said Margaret Urchfitz, 50, an assistant dean of engineering at Rochester Institute of Technology, who was one of the thousands of people listening to Mrs. Clinton's address in Seneca Falls. "She probably felt that she had to back down while Bill was in office. I hope she'll resume after they leave the White House."

Nonetheless, her longtime supporters remain faithful, believing that – underneath – the fiery Mrs. Clinton, who came to Washington to be the first co-president, still rages. But by taking a page from her husband's political manual and focusing on the more palatable of the issues that she cares about, Mrs. Clinton has won many converts from the political center.

"At first, it almost seemed like she was the one who had run for president," said Carol Griffith, 42, a registered nurse who runs the women's wellness program at a veterans hospital in Buffalo. "She's more measured now. She's definitely grown. She's got a better idea of what she can actually do from her position."

Writing a best-selling book about raising children, traveling with daughter Chelsea, talking about her daughter in folksy ways in her weekly newspaper column and touring America's historic treasures with a press corps in tow – all have helped soften Mrs. Clinton's public image. When she talks about child care for preschoolers – her principal issue currently – she never wanders into controversial territory such as the health-care initiative.

The clincher for Griffith and other former Hillary skeptics was watching her "weathering the storms" of the last several years – particularly the accusations of the president's sexual misconduct and the media's obsession with the topic.

"I think she's going through a tremendous amount of duress and is still standing up well," Griffith added. "That's got to count for something."

Some people who have been close to the first lady for a long time caution that, while her public persona now resembles that of her husband — the centrist, consensus-building politician – there is a dramatic difference.

"The private Hillary is very different from the public Hillary...," said one former senior White House official. "She's harder-edged and less compromising than the president in private."

IN THE first years of the Clinton presidency, before the searing defeat of the health-care reform initiative that she headed, what the public saw was more like the private Mrs. Clinton. That experience taught her that her husband's approach to politics – pragmatic progress and incremental goals – can be more effective.

Whether Mrs. Clinton simply has altered her public image, her metamorphosis has delighted Democratic officials, who have eagerly used her broadening appeal to try to improve the party's chances in the upcoming congressional elections. Both houses now are controlled by Republicans. The Democrats need to win 12 seats to be assured of taking control of the House.

For the first time, the first lady penned major fund-raising letters for both the Democratic congressional campaign committees.

She has broken her own record for campaigning for candidates other than her husband and has a busy schedule in the fall for more campaigning, according to her staff.

Other first ladies' political efforts for candidates other than their husbands pale in comparison to hers, according to presidential scholar Carl Anthony. Mrs. Clinton has attended events for at least a dozen House candidates, many of them newcomers, raising hundreds of thousands of dollars.

"She is a huge asset," said Dan, spokesman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, which works on behalf of House candidates. "Every one of these trips has been a slam dunk both in terms of money and message."

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Two boys convicted in fatal Arkansas school shootings

By DAVID A. LIEB

JONESBORO, Arkansas (AP) – Two boys, 14 and 12, were convicted yesterday here of gunning down four schoolmates and a teacher in an ambush outside their school.

Mitchell Johnson, 14, admitted firing shots that killed the five last March 24. A lawyer for Andrew Golden, 12, said the boy took part in the attack but was insane at the time and not mentally competent to understand yesterday's hearing.

Juvenile Court Judge Ralph Wilson Jr. rejected Golden's argument, however, and found him guilty after a two-hour trial.

A sentencing hearing for the two boys was scheduled to begin yesterday afternoon.

Both boys were charged with five counts of murder and 10 counts of battery. Nine other students and another teacher also were injured in the ambush outside the Westside Middle School. The victims were lured outdoors by a false fire alarm.

Wilson found that the boys were delinquent and can sentence them to a state youth center until they are 21 – though the state currently has no facility to hold them beyond age 18.

Wilson also could place them on probation, order community service and make their parents pay fines and court costs.

The courtroom already was filled when Johnson came into the room, looking downward. A short time later, he stood before the judge – his left hand holding his mother's right hand and his right hand firmly clenched at his side. His father's hand rested on his shoulder.

Johnson nodded slightly and quietly answered "Yes" as the judge went through a series of questions about whether he understood the accusations against him.

When asked how he pleaded to the five murders, Johnson said, "Guilty." When asked about the wounding of 10 people, Johnson responded "Guilty, your honor."

More than 100 of the victims' relatives and school staff reserved spots to watch the boys' hearing, which was the equivalent of an adult trial. Security officers had them pass through metal detectors before allowing them in the courtroom, and bomb-sniffing dogs checked out the building.

Setting out shortly after sunup, the boys were moved by two deputies the two miles from the county jail to a courthouse annex.

About two hours later, two dozen people, including Westside students, queued outside the courtroom hoping for one of the limited public seats.

"I'm just hoping they pay for their crimes," said Jamie Clebenger, a seventh-grader last year who knew victim Natalie Brooks and once lived next door to Golden. She wore a purple-and-white ribbon to remember the dead.

Debbie Coffman, wearing a white ribbon, waited with her son Eric, who starts at the middle school next week. She expressed frustration that the boys, if convicted, could be released after serving just a short time.

"It grates me, but it's the law," said Coffman, who knew slain teacher Shannon Wright. "There's nothing we can do about it, except try to change the law, which we will try to do."

Juvenile hearings typically are closed to the public in Arkansas, but Wilson opened the trial because of intense public interest.

He also twice delayed trial while public defenders explored whether they could use some form of mental incompetency plea for Golden.



Sherriff Deputies rush 12-year-old Andrew Golden into a back door of the county courthouse for his hearing in Jonesboro, Arkansas, yesterday. (AP)

Kosovo Albanian rebels vow to fight on

By ISMET HADJARI

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) – Secessionist ethnic Albanian rebels vowed yesterday to fight on in Kosovo province, despite a string of recent losses to Serb government forces.

Albanian sources reported fighting yesterday in the western Decani region near the Albanian border. They said a column of 110 Yugoslav army vehicles, including 36 tanks, was seen heading for the area.

The Albanian-run Kosovo Information Center said about 15,000 refugees were trapped in the Decani region "because of an iron circle" formed by Serb forces. The bodies of five killed ethnic Albanians were brought overnight to the morgue in nearby Djakovica, the report said.

The government-run Serb Media Center said a Serb policeman was shot dead late Monday in fighting near Djakovica. The independent Beta news agency said 14 Serb policemen have been killed since the Serb's latest offensive began July 20. It said 217 ethnic Albanians are known to have died in the same period.

In the Albanian capital, Tirana, the government said today 70 people fled across the border from Kosovo within the last 24 hours, including two badly wounded guerrillas.

Independent media in Belgrade, the Yugoslav capital, said Kosovo Liberation Army fighters have regained control of the central village of Likovac, the rebel headquarters which Serb forces overran last week.

The reports could not be confirmed independently.

In a statement distributed to ethnic Albanian media, the KLA said the Serb offensive "has only strengthened our resolve to bravely continue on the road to freedom." The statement called on Kosovo Albanians, who represent 90 percent of the Serbian province's 2 million people, to "unite with the KLA and help us in our just freedom fight."

It also warned NATO not to deploy troops on the Albanian border – the main route of arms supply for the KLA – "because we would consider this the second offensive against our freedom and our national pride." Despite the statement, a top KLA official told the Albanian *Koha Ditore* daily newspaper the militants might join an all-Albanian negotiating team in peace negotiations with the Serbian government.

Rebel spokesman Shaban Sala said the KLA rebels had agreed "in principle" during a meeting with US envoy Christopher Hill earlier this month to form a Kosovo Albanian coalition government.

Diplomatic efforts to return ethnic Albanian and Serb leaders to the negotiating table have been inching forward. Hill met with Serb and ethnic Albanian leaders Monday in Kosovo's provincial capital, Pristina.

Hill has been mediating between pacifist ethnic Albanian leader Ibrahim Rugova and leading politician Mehmet Hajrizi, who has close contacts with the ethnic Albanian rebels, in hopes of getting the Albanians to rally behind one leader.

For five months, Serb troops have been fighting the KLA, which seeks independence from Serbia, the dominant republic of Yugoslavia.

Kosovo's ethnic Albanians remain largely divided between those loyal to Rugova and those who support the militants.

Chinese dissident's wife allegedly roughed up by police

BEIJING (AP) – The wife of a jailed Chinese dissident was injured when plainclothes police forced her and her mother-in-law into a car and then held them for 12 hours, a human rights group said yesterday.

Chu Hailan, wife of labor activist Liu Nianchun, and her mother-in-law were walking to a Beijing government office Monday to demand that Liu be given better medical treatment when police forced them into a car, the New York-based Human Rights in China said.

Chu suffered a sprained ankle and bruises in the arrest and detention, the group said. Her husband, who has been held in labor camps or prisons without trial for three years, suffers stomach problems, high blood pressure, and other ailments, according to Chu.

Meanwhile, 138 dissidents signed a petition to Chinese leaders demanding the release of Wang Youcai, an activist detained July 10 in a crackdown on a would-be opposition party. Wang has been charged with inciting to overthrow the government.

Wang and two other dissidents announced the formation of the China Democracy Party on June 25, the day President Bill Clinton arrived for a visit. But Chinese officials refused to let the group legally register and soon began rounding up its organizers and their associates.

Of the dozen people detained, all but Wang have since been released.

Myanmar allows diplomats to see detained activists

YANGON, Myanmar (AP) – Myanmar's military regime today began allowing diplomats to visit 18 foreign democracy activists detained for handing out antigovernment leaflets, but said there was no decision on whether to prosecute them.

The six detained Americans were the first allowed visits at the Yangon police headquarters, three days after their arrest. Diplomats from the Philippines, Thailand and Australia were also granted permission to visit their detained citizens.

A US Embassy spokeswoman said the 90-minute meeting took place in an open room with two consular officers, who brought the detainees books and snacks.

"Their health is OK," said the spokeswoman. She said they had been fed vegetarian meals and had not complained about their treatment. One US activist, student Nisha Marie Anand, 21, is a vegetarian and had cited her diet as a health concern.

The spokeswoman declined to comment on whether the detainees were being questioned. Myanmar authorities have said the 18 were being interrogated to determine whether they should be charged with any crime.

Government officials have denied reports the ruling State Peace and Development Council had already decided to put the activists on trial. Deportation also remains an option.

The reports panicked supporters and relatives of the activists meeting in Bangkok, Thailand.

The detainees include six Americans, three Thais, three Malaysians, three Indonesians, two Philippine citizens, and an Australian. It was unclear if the Malaysians and Indonesians were allowed visits today.

The 18 were apprehended Sunday after distributing leaflets urging people to remember an August 8, 1988 uprising against military rule which resulted in a change of leaders but was eventually crushed. An estimated 3,000 people died.

In Manila, 30 human-rights activists, some holding placards reading "Democracy for Burma," as Myanmar is also called, picketed the Myanmar Embassy today.

Kusuma Phundermvong, the mother of a Thai detainee, said she is worried about the health of her daughter, Chanakarn, 22, who recently suffered from malaria and thyroid problems.

The Myanmar authorities have insisted the detainees are in good health.

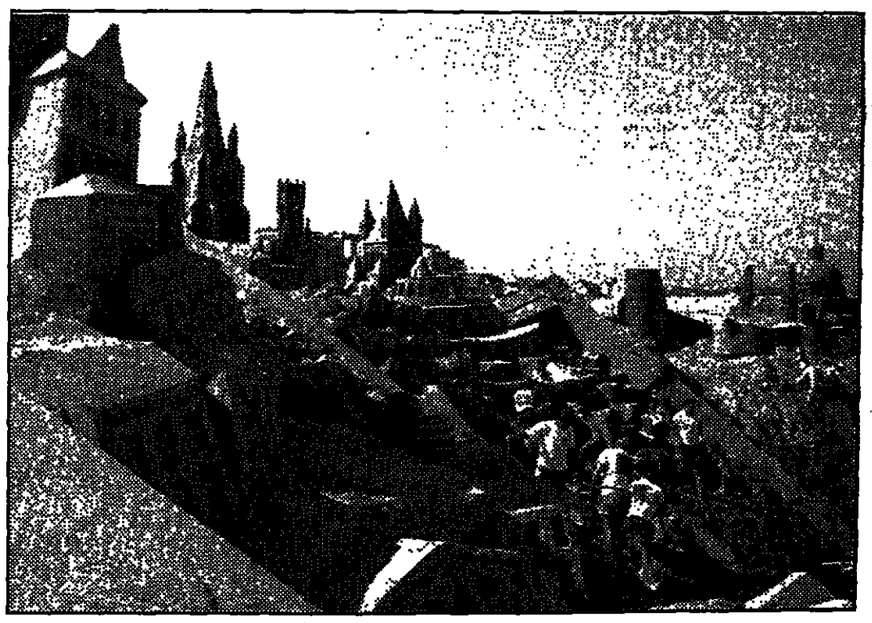
Myanmar officials say the activists broke laws, including a printing act and an emergency law that can carry a 10-year sentence and is frequently used against political opponents.

20 arrested in prostitution ring

MORRIS TOWNSHIP, NJ (AP) – A stately turn-of-the-century home known as Sunnymede was being used as a house of prostitution where customers were charged $225 an hour by the Afternoon Delight Escort Service, authorities said.

Officers raided the home in the prosperous suburb last week, arresting four women and 15 men, some of them top executives, the Morris County prosecutor's office said. On Monday, authorities charged the owner of the home, Judith Kelly Dempsey, a 45-year-old real estate agent.

"This was a well-run, profitable, sophisticated operation in such a respected neighborhood," Morris County Prosecutor John Dangler said. The four other women, aged 20 to 35, were charged with prostitution. One also was charged with possessing heroin.



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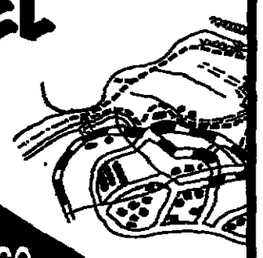
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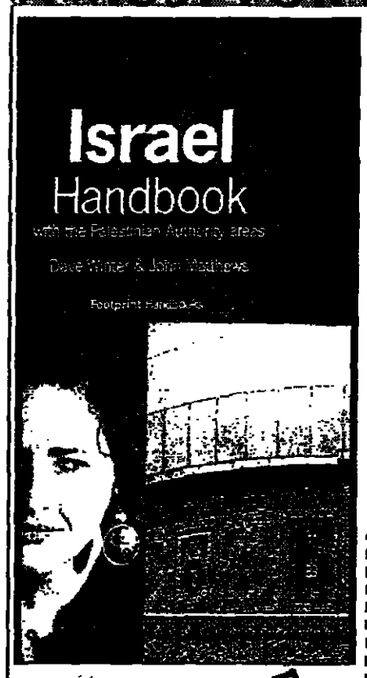
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'Mulan' hits a great wall of Chinese red tape

By HENRY CHU

BEIJING – *Mulan* may be doing well in Peoria, but will it play in Peking?

That is one of the biggest questions surrounding Walt Disney Co.'s latest full-length animated hit, which is raking in healthy receipts at the US box office but has yet to screen here in the land where the movie is set.

Based on an ancient Chinese legend about a girl who marches off to war in her father's place, *Mulan* would seem a natural, friendly fit for China, whose enormous moviegoing audience has had Hollywood salivating for years.

For the moment, however, the film remains trapped in official limbo, under potentially protracted deliberation by Beijing's movie censors.

As it floats in a state of – quite literally – suspended animation, Mulan points up the unpredictable and often frustrating workings of the Chinese entertainment industry, a minefield for enthusiastic but unwary foreigners and an uneasy intersection of politics and culture in the world's most populous nation.

Few observers doubt that the waiting game for Disney, which is on a rocky footing with China's central government, turns as much on delicate questions of policy and politics as on aesthetic merit.

"We're hopeful that they'll decide to show the film," said John Dreyer, Disney's chief spokesman for matters dealing with China. "It's moving through the process."

But exactly when and where that process will end is far from clear.

In an unusual dispatch this week, the official New China News Agency quoted "reliable sources" as saying that "the Chinese government needs time to discuss whether to import the movie."

The agency cited "artistic taste and story line" as factors in determining which foreign films premiere in China, adding that approval for *Mulan* will be a "complicated issue."

Those complications include everything from the low limit slapped on the number of international films allowed to the Communist regime's intransigence over Tibet, a sensitive spot that triggered a cat-and-Mickey-Mouse game between Beijing and Disney more than a year ago, in a warning to other studios hoping to tap the Chinese market.

Only about a dozen foreign movies are permitted in Chinese theaters annually on a profit-sharing basis between the Chinese and the original distributors, a quota that chafes studio executives.

The issue is such a sticking point that President Clinton lobbied for greater access to the Chinese film market during last month's Sino-US summit. Jack Valenti, president of the Motion Picture Association of America, has also met with Chinese officials to persuade them to ease the restrictions.

But the cultural authorities here have so far refused to increase the number of revenue-sharing foreign films for 1998, according to China Entertainment Network, a private consultant business based in Shanghai. Prospects for next year are equally dim.

Already this year, the Chinese moviegoing public has seen Leonardo DiCaprio drown in *Titanic*, George Clooney flit around in a cape in *Batman and Robin* and Tommy Lee Jones escape death by lava in *Volcano*. (Nearly all the films screened in China from abroad end up being American ones.) All told, five or six imports have hit local cinemas; three more, including *Deep Impact*, are queued up for release, sources say.

The window is therefore shrinking, though not completely closed, for *Mulan* to be screened in China by year's end.



Based on an ancient Chinese legend about a girl who marches off to war in her father's place, 'Mulan' would seem a natural fit for China, but Beijing's movie censors have yet to approve its release.

SEEN purely in terms of content, the Disney offering would appear to be a sure bet.

The typically wholesome young heroine, who disguises herself as a man to do battle, is also daring, intelligent and cunning. And malevolent-looking Huns make for a politically correct enemy. China's landscape, featuring de rigueur drawings of the Great Wall, is rendered to lovely effect.

And, learning its lesson from a mild debate over *The Lion King*, Disney has produced not one but two versions of *Mulan* dubbed in Mandarin Chinese – one for viewers in Taiwan, where *Mulan* is already playing, and another with idiomatic expressions and humor more familiar to mainland theatergoers.

Back in 1995, some official culture gremlins in the Chinese government had complained that *The Lion King*, the only animated Disney film besides *Toy Story* to be shown in China, catered too much to Taiwan's taste.

With so many brownie points to back it up, what or who could possibly stand in *Mulan*'s way, especially if the Huns couldn't?

Enter the Dalai Lama, Tibet's exiled spiritual leader

To Beijing's ire, Disney went ahead last year with the release of *Kundun*, Martin Scorsese's biographical film of the Dalai Lama, complete with an unflattering portrait of the Chinese annexation of Tibet.

China, whose official memory goes back almost as far as its 5,000-year-old civilization, has not quickly forgiven or forgotten Disney's political transgression.

"There's no secret they [weren't] happy about it," acknowledged Dreyer, the Disney spokesman.

Since then, the Communist government has cooled toward the entertainment giant and its plans to widen operations in China, including dreams of building a Magic Kingdom in the Middle Kingdom.

China was also displeased last fall with MGM's *Red Corner* and Sony's *Seven Years in Tibet*. Sony has not released a film there since, but a spokeswoman for the studio says it is optimistic that it will be able to resolve the situation; MGM had no comment.

The message was clear: If Hollywood wants to use China to make more money, perhaps the dearest concern to Hollywood's heart, then it had better rethink its attitude toward volatile issues like Tibet.

Although some critics accuse Disney of now trying to toady up to Beijing with *Mulan*'s positive depiction of China, company representatives said the film had been in development long before *Kundun* premiered.

"We have continued to do business in China," Dreyer said. "We continue to have discussion with Chinese officials about all of our businesses and exploring... our potential for either expanding or starting up businesses there."

Meanwhile, some Chinese are already catching a glimpse of the latest Disney animated extravaganza, despite official delay over whether to release the film. Pirated copies of the film on video compact disc are available on Beijing streets.

One buyer, a 40-year-old magazine editor, even obtained her copy in an "authorized VCD" store. Like virtually all Chinese adults, the woman grew up hearing the story of Mulan in school, taught in the verses of a famous classical poem.

"I expect it will be a lot of fun," she said of Disney's rendition, which she plans to watch at home. (Los Angeles Times)

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The Zehavi piece, written this year and yet to be performed live, is undoubtedly a work of this day and age. This beguiling composition combines the composer's special lyrical gift and poetic touch with a modernistic approach and love of percussion. It should be performed live – the sooner the better.

All in all, these three very intriguing concerti, performed superbly, mark three milestones in the annals of Israeli music and prove there could be an international market.

Another very important Israeli composer, the late Mordechai Seter, is represented in a powerful and dramatic disc featuring his a-cappella music. *Mordechai Seter – Works for Choir A Cappella* (Music in Israel MI-CD 25) showcases the excellent Köln Radio Choir singing with perfect Hebrew diction under Gary Bertini, one of the greatest Israeli conductors. Although the works were written about 40 years ago, their immediacy, dramatic power and evocative emotions are still evident in this first-rate performance. This, however, raises the question of why there is not even one local choir that could perform this music with such musicianship and dramatic presentation.

Not everything is rosy in the garden of Israeli music.

When one hears music by Ben-Zion Orgad, Alexander Uriyah Boskovich and Ron Weidberg, another trio of composers, the result is less appealing. Three of Weidberg's works, played with clear devotion and enthusiasm by the Ra'anana Symphonette Orchestra, are featured on *Ron Weidberg* (unnumbered, produced by the Ra'anana Symphonette Orchestra.. However, the piano and violin concerti and the Variations on a Theme by Mozart are rather eclectic works which leave quite a lot to be desired.

Boskovich's *Concerto da Camera* from 1962 is performed with devotion by the Musica Nova Consort under Denis Cohen, yet fails to persuade anyone that the work is actually intriguing. This rather disappointing opus is coupled in a new disc titled *Ben-Zion Orgad-Alexander Uriyah Boskovich* (Music in Israel MI CD 26) with Orgad's 1960 Sextet. The Musica Nova Consort gives an impressive reading under the late Shalom Ronli-Riklis but the essence of the work and style is not actually savored. The works fail to capture your attention, not to mention your imagination.

But fortunately, there are enough good composers around to put Israeli music back on the international map.

On another disc by the Ra'anana Symphonette, *Harvest 97* (unnumbered), one can enjoy two very important, new Israeli works. Gil Shohat's concertino for violin and orchestra is a captivating opus, one of the young and very assured composer's best. It is a work that continues the Israeli tradition of combining eastern Mediterranean themes and melodies in an opus that has clear Western form and content.

The much older and well-established Yosef Bardanashvilli, a Georgian native who has made his home in Israel, has written *Children of God*, sung here in a most poetic and touching way by countertenor David De'or. The piece takes the audience to a totally different world of imagery and emotions.

Obviously these discs are only samples of the current local music harvest, but they are quite revealing and suggest that Israeli classical music is nothing to be ashamed of. Perhaps the time has come to perform, record and market this music abroad – and not as Yiddishkeit.



The JSO's David Shallon leads the London Philharmonic Orchestra in 'Israeli Violin Concertos.'

NEWS

of the muse

Searching for Our Children

Unzere Kinder ("Our Children"), the last Yiddish film made in Poland, will be featured at the upcoming Yiddishkeit Los Angeles Festival, and organizers are looking for anyone who had a part in making the 1946 film.

Unzere Kinder was one of the first films to deal fully with the Holocaust, and its "actors" were actual survivors, primarily orphaned children at the Helenovek Children's Home near Lodz.

Attorney Barry Fisher hopes to bring to the October Yiddishkeit Festival, from October 17 to 25, the film's surviving producers and cast members, with priority given to those living in the US.

The recently restored film is described as a psychodrama, with touch of black humor. Anyone who took part in it is requested to contact Barry A. Fisher, 1888 Century Park East, Suite 1750, Los Angeles, CA 90067.

Tom Tugend

Tickets on sale for Abu Ghosh choral bonanza

The program for the Succot Abu Ghosh choral music festival (October 9-12) has just been announced and tickets to this most popular event are now on sale. The program, organized by music director Hanna Zur, is one of the best ever, including 17 concerts by local and foreign choirs,ensembles and three orchestras. Among the highlights are performances of major choral works by Mendelssohn, Rossini, Haydn, Bach and Fauré as well as the Mozart Requiem, the Israeli premiere of the Cimarosa Requiem and some choral works by Villa Lobos. On the lighter and more popular side of the repertoire there will be concerts devoted to the music of Theodorakis, folk music from Brazil and a special homage to singer Paul Robeson.

Michael Ajzenstadt

Huberman Quartet to perform in J'lem & Tel Aviv

The Huberman Quartet, the newest addition to the local chamber-music scene, will have its own concert series next season – from December to May. The concerts will be performed at the Tel Aviv Museum and the Israel Museum. Each of the three concerts will feature an Israeli guest: pianist Itamar Golan in one concert, cellist Hillel Tzori in another, and several wind players in the third. The programs range from Mendelssohn, Schubert and Haydn to Richard Strauss, Shostakovich and Israeli composers Menahem Wiesenberg and Jan Radzynski. The Tel Aviv Museum series has an additional concert in which the visiting Ysaye Quartet from France performs.

Michael Ajzenstadt

No credit for Mamet

By ERIC HARRISON

After the controversy over credits for *Wag the Dog*, celebrated playwright and screenwriter David Mamet reportedly has decided to attach his name only to movies on which he is the sole writer.

The writer and director of such films as *The Spanish Prisoner* and *House of Games* uses a pseudonym on his next movie, *Ronin*, an action thriller starring Robert De Niro. When the United Artists film is released in the US on October 2, it will carry the credit: "Screenplay by J.D. Zeik and Richard Weisz."

Zeik, a newcomer to movies, wrote the original script. Weisz – who either did a little tinkering or completely rewrote it, depending on whom you ask – is really Mamet.

"The credits should read: 'Story by J.D. Zeik, screenplay by David Mamet,'" said John Frankenheimer, the movie's director. "We didn't shoot a line of Zeik's script." Contradicting others close to the production, Frankenheimer said Mamet used a pseudonym as a form of protest. "The Writers Guild arbitration committee decided in its wisdom that the writing credit should be split." According to Frankenheimer, Mamet subsequently opted for the Richard Weisz credit.

Mamet, who rarely speaks with reporters, declined a request for an interview.

On *Wag the Dog*, the Writers Guild of America decided last December to give another writer first billing, provoking howls of protest from the movie's director, Barry Levinson, and reportedly angering Mamet.

Frankenheimer said a similar thing happened with *Ronin*, although others close to the production said Mamet made only a modest contribution to the script, and his contract from the beginning allowed for the use of a fake name.

"Mamet was brought in at the last minute before production to beef up De Niro's role," said Stephen A. Dembitzer, Zeik's attorney. The lawyer said he was told by Mamet's representatives that, after his experience on *Wag the Dog*, the writer had decided to leave his name off movies when he steps in to work on another writer's script.

He used a pseudonym rather than give Zeik sole credit, Dembitzer said, because writers receive greater residuals if their names appear in the credits, even if the name is fake.

In addition to enlarging De Niro's role, Mamet added a female love interest and rewrote several scenes, the lawyer said. When the studio submitted proposed credits that read, "Written by J.D. Zeik and Richard Weisz," Dembitzer went to Mamet's lawyers with a request.

Since Mamet's contributions were minor, "we said to them, 'If he's not automatically going to get credit and since he would only take a credit under a pseudonym anyway, why not withdraw (Mamet's name) and give J.D. sole credit?'" Dembitzer recalled. "It's more meaningful for J.D. because he's at the start of his career." Mamet's lawyer, Stan Coleman, declined, Dembitzer said.

(Los Angeles Times)

Nina Simone shakes up Baalbek



Nina Simone brought a 4,000-strong crowd to its feet in Lebanon.

By SAM F. GHATTAS

Jazz singer Nina Simone shook her hips and shoulders and brought the audience to its feet in a performance amid the ancient ruins of Baalbek in eastern Lebanon.

"We love you Nina!" many in the crowd shouted.

"Is that a marriage proposal?" the 65-year-old American jokingly replied during her show Saturday night.

This is the first year Americans returned to the Baalbek International Festival since 1974. Jazz pianist Herbie Hancock performed earlier, and American conductor Carl St. Claire appeared with the Stuttgart Radio Symphony Orchestra.

Lebanon was off-limits to Americans from 1987 until last year on US government orders because of kidnappings of Americans and other foreigners. Baalbek was a stronghold of the Shiite Muslim radicals blamed for the abductions.

Simone made it an American evening with such favorites as "My Way" and "I Love You Porgy," and adlibbed lyrics about Martin Luther King Jr. and even President Clinton.

The sold-out crowd of an estimated 4,000 – young and old – rose to its feet and cheered when Simone sang "My Baby Just Cares for Me." Simone was sometimes needed help walking on stage under the towering floodlit columns of Baalbek's Jupiter Temple. But she got quickly into the mood, with her four-man band.

"It was great. The ambiance, thousands of years of history, the music, the people...," said Randa Haddad, an ophthalmologist at American University Hospital who, like hundreds of others, came on a two-hour bus ride from Beirut.

Others complained the show was too short. Simone, appearing tired, sang and played piano for about 80 minutes.

Many Americans and other international stars played Baalbek before the festival was halted by the 1975-90 civil war. It resumed last year and has 14 nights of performances this year, ending August 29.

Brendan Stafford, a Briton who came to Baalbek for the first time to see Simone, said he was not worried about his safety in the one-time den of kidnappers.

"I was curious more than worried," he said. (AP)

Mining Italy's hidden operatic jewels

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Italy is known for its passion for pasta and opera, and there's nothing like combining the two during the summer, as the country's various restaurants welcome their guest outdoors, and opera is enjoyed alfresco.

So while the stars sing their heart out, the stars twinkle above as opera buffs from all over the world applaud as if they are seeing the greatest show on earth.

The most prestigious of all Italian opera festivals is in Verona, where every summer thousands of tourists flock to see Italian opera at its best, particularly the very stylized and old-fashioned productions of *Aida* and *Nabucco*. *Aida* is also a very frequent visitor to Rome's Caracalla Baths.

All these productions feature, aside from the opera stars themselves, massive sets, huge numbers of extras and when possible more than a few animals. This is what the audience loves, why they travel to Italy, and they get what they pay for.

But there is much more to Italian summer opera than a mere Barnum and Bailey show, which would have probably better suited the mass audiences of yesteryear. And these other festivals are at times more engaging and captivating than the big, more famous ones.

One of Italy's hidden operatic jewels is the festival in Macerata, a small city between Florence and Rome, with a nice outdoor amphitheater, much smaller than Verona in size and scope and thus much more intimate.

Macerata is not an obvious tourist attraction. You must make an effort to get there, and even before that an effort to obtain their schedule and program. But it is well worth it, because the very special outdoor stage, which is very long and narrow, allows the willing directors and designers to create productions they can't do elsewhere. That's why some of the most famous directors and designers in the opera world return here annually, bringing with them some of the leading singers as well.

Last summer in Macerata I saw a production of Gounod's *Faust*, a rather weird choice for a very Italian festival. After all, Italians are known not to be too keen on French operas, and the audiences did not flood the arena.

Yet those who did come enjoyed an intriguing production which, with a very wise use of lighting and projections, managed to create a very dramatic and evocative production, especially in the scenes with the chorus and the ballet. The acoustics at Macerata are much better than in many other Italian festivals, and an evening or two in this relatively unknown city can provide a real operatic treat.

This year's operatic output in Macerata also features one French opera, but this time it is the one French opera which is more Italian than the any other, Bizet's *Carmen*. It shares the stage with Verdi's *Falstaff* and Puccini's *Turandot*, the latter in a production directed and designed by Hugo De Ana.

This year's Macerata festival continues with *Falstaff* (tonight), *Turandot* (tomorrow and Sunday) and *Carmen* (Friday). For tickets and information about this and following seasons call 39-733-230735/233508 or fax 39-733-267499.

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Israel's rescue mission

It is said that modern communications and interconnected economies are transforming the world into a global village. The horrific bombings in Kenya and Tanzania showed that this village has a darker side – terrorism strikes not only innocent individuals, but innocent countries. Into this international mosaic, Israelis are now cast, not just as victims of and combatants against terrorism, but as selfless rescuers.

The blast that shook the center of Nairobi claimed at least 200 Kenyan lives and injured 5,000 people; in Dar es Salaam, 10 Tanzanians were killed.

The bomb's American victims were just as innocent as the Kenyans who happened to work near them, but at least the Americans knew that representing their nation abroad carried some risk. For the families of the Kenyan and Tanzanian dead and injured, there is not even this slim consolation or explanation of the tragedy that has befallen them. This calamity is compounded by the poverty of both countries, which makes both medical and economic recovery more difficult.

To Kenyans, the arbitrariness of their victimization was matched only by that of their rescuers – Israelis. Of all the countries in the world, it was Israel that was willing and able to send a crack rescue team and, within hours, start pulling victims from the wreckage. The Israeli team was a reserve military unit, meaning that they all had to drop out of their daily lives, gather the sniffer dogs and tons of equipment, and fly off to Kenya on a moment's notice. About 40 of the team of 170 have come home already, but the rest remain to continue the search for the dead and wounded.

The fact that Israel is so expert in the rescue of victims from collapsed buildings is, of course, a macabre badge of honor. It is an expertise that no one would wish on any nation. Still, it is to Israel's credit that we can export, not only our high technology, but our compassion and ability.

Like the 1976 Operation Entebbe against airplane hijackers – in which Kenya provided a critical refueling stop for Israeli forces, the 1981 attack against the Iraqi reactor at Osirak, and the 1991 airlift of Ethiopian immigrants, Israel has once again demonstrated its long reach on both military and humanitarian missions. Though it has received less attention, the special Home Front Command unit has been deployed abroad numerous times before, including following devastating earthquakes in Mexico City (1985) and Armenia (1988), the Rwandan civil war (1994), and even to assist in putting out a massive fire in Turkish arms factories last year.

It is true that these missions are not entirely selfless from a national perspective, since they provide Israel with good publicity and the IDF unit with important training opportunities. But these ulterior motives cannot account for the personal risks and hardships that Israeli soldiers undertake on such missions, nor do they detract from the goodness of the deed that Israelis have contributed to people who share nothing with us but common humanity.

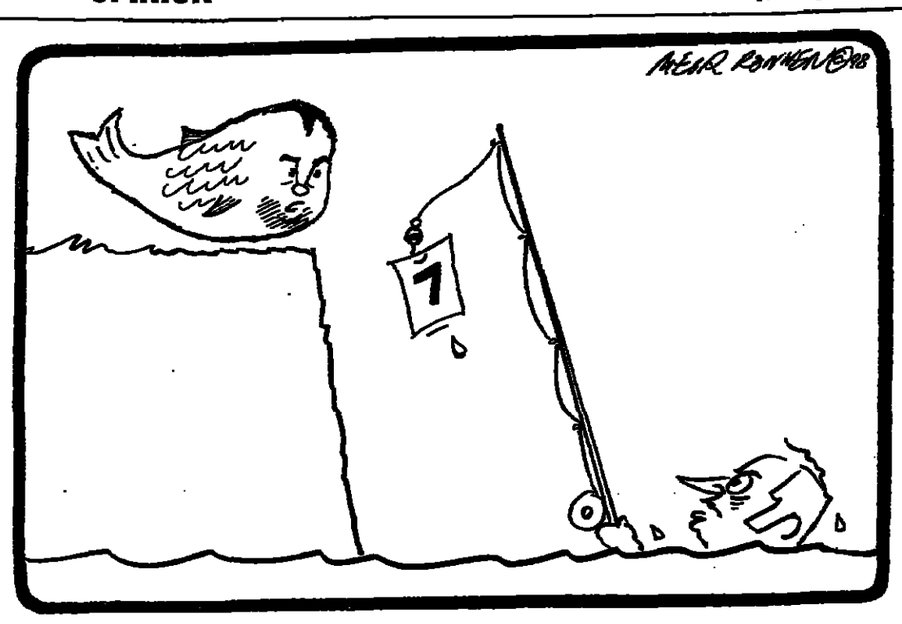
Samuel Ngana, a Kenyan bank worker pulled from the wreckage on Saturday, demanded to meet and thank his Israeli rescuers. An Israeli doctor, Lt. Nahum Nesher, told *Yediot Aharonot* that Ngana had tried to convince them not to attempt a rescue, thinking he was going to die anyway. Nesher responded, "I am a doctor, and I won't let you die."

Even if those involved feel they are just doing their job, and what comes naturally, Israel is the country that in this case exemplified such supposedly "normal" impulses. It should be equally normal for other nations to at least emulate, if not go beyond, Israel's approach to combating terrorism. The sad fact is that American claims that it will punish terrorists lack credibility, and in any case do not go far enough.

In his radio address regarding the embassy bombings, President Bill Clinton vowed to "pursue terrorists until the cases are solved and justice is done." But it is precisely this legalistic attitude that makes a mockery of the fight against terrorism. Terrorism cannot be deterred by endless and inconclusive investigations seeking ironclad proof of responsibility, which is exactly what has led to the lack of anyone paying the price for the bombing of the US Khobar Towers barracks in Saudi Arabia, in June 1996, in which 19 airmen perished.

Israel has long known that it is impossible to fight terrorism without holding those who control the territory they come from responsible. This was true during the '50s and '60s with Egypt, Jordan, and Syria, later with the PLO in Lebanon, and now regarding the Palestinian Authority and Hamas.

Fighting terrorism is not a matter of "solving cases" with courtroom-level standards of proof, but acting quickly and decisively against known terrorists and their bases of support. As the recent bombings show, the price of not doing so will be paid not just by the United States, but by defenseless nations chosen by terrorists to become part of their global battlefield.



When silence is golden

MOSHE ZAK

The military aircraft that flew the IDF's rescue team to Nairobi on Shabbat were not the first to travel this route on a rescue mission.

They were preceded by the aircraft that had stopped in Nairobi, en route home from the heroic Entebbe hostage rescue in Uganda.

In July 1976, Gen. Brent Scowcroft, the president's national security adviser, arrived at the Israeli Embassy in Washington and asked the meaning of the considerable Israeli air traffic in east Africa, which had been spotted by the American monitoring stations on the Horn of Africa.

Scowcroft did not receive an immediate reply. Only when the aircraft were on their way home was the secret divulged to the Americans, who congratulated the Israelis on the mission to free the hostages from Palestinian terrorists.

This time, over 20 years later, the rescue operation in Nairobi was fully coordinated with the American defense secretary. This is not just because the terror blast was at the American Embassy, but also because today there is cooperation and strategic planning between Israel and the US.

The IDF and US medical corps, in their joint maneuvers, had already established procedures for cooperation in the event of major terror attacks. It should therefore be no surprise that the hundreds of Israeli rescue workers who left for Nairobi after the attack knew immediately what to do. They were well-practiced, both in rescue procedures and in their coordination with the American unit.

THIS cooperation was initiated following the October 1983 explosion at the US Marines base in Lebanon. When that occurred, Israel offered to hospitalize the wounded at Rambam Hospital in Haifa, close to the location of the attack. But the American defense secretary rejected the offer, preferring to hospitalize the soldiers further away, in Germany.

He was severely criticized for this move in the Senate. The result was joint maneuvers, which determined that Rambam would be used by US forces in case of an emergency in the region.

Since then, the US has not shied away from or denied cooperating with Israel in the fight against terror.

In recent days, however, something occurred which may be a cause for concern in the future. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu decided not to make do with the current level of cooperation with the American security agencies, but instead publicly approached the US with a proposal to cooperate in the investigation to find the Moslem terrorists who attacked the US embassies in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam.

Anti-terror cooperation with the Americans is necessary, but it is best that it remain discreet

Now, cooperation with the Americans is possible and may even be necessary to track down the monstrous car bombers. But intelligence operations are, by their very nature, most successful when they remain discreet. They do not respond favorably to publicity.

ON the eve of the Gulf War, when the US concentrated immense forces in the region to force Saddam Hussein to withdraw from Kuwait, the Iraqi government suggested that it would be willing to withdraw from Kuwait if, in return, the US gave assurances that it would settle the Israel-Palestinian conflict. The Russian foreign minister offered to mediate to help achieve this.

The US, however, turned the deal down outright, as it would have enhanced Iraq's status in the Arab world, since it could then claim that only it, Iraq, was capable of extracting Israeli concessions for the benefit of the Palestinians.

It is quite possible that the sense of panic in the face of possible terrorist attacks of the same kind as last Friday's will lead to similar ideas of concessions at Israel's expense.

It is therefore preferable, at this stage, to let sleeping dogs lie. Over-emphasizing the cooperation between Israeli and US intelligence may trigger a counterreaction on the part of Americans who have not reconciled themselves to cooperating with Israel, and might push the administration to act against Israel to appease Moslem terrorists, in the hope that they will end their attacks against the US.

There are, in fact, governments in Europe who have bought "quiet" in their countries from Palestinian terrorists in return for turning their backs on Israel. Last week's terrorist bombers may well be hoping that, in the end, the American public will become fed up with the violence and will consider doing the same.

JUDGING by the current state of affairs, the Clinton administration is not likely to give in to the blackmail of Moslem terror organizations. At the moment, the administration is determined to fight terror, to find the perpetrators and even to retaliate.

But if Israel insists on publicly demanding that its intelligence people participate in investigating the crimes at Nairobi and Dar es Salaam, it may well divert attention away from the key objective and towards a debate on how the US can best free itself of terrorist pressure.

At that point, "moderate" Arab states may attempt to lobby the administration to limit and restrict American support for Israel, to curry favor with Moslem terrorists.

Success in the war against terror depends first and foremost on a clear message being sent to the Islamic terror organizations: There will be no submission to car bombs, not even at Israel's expense.

On morality

DENI ELLIOTT

August promises to be a month full of dissection of deals and details regarding the Bill Clinton-Monica Lewinsky relationship. As the nation focuses, again, on who did what, who saw what and who said what, it is important to keep an eye on a larger theme.

Public trust has taken a serious hit in this sordid matter. Americans now have good reason to be suspicious of government, of the media and of individuals who seem to offer friendship. This suspicion is not the same as healthy skepticism. Instead, the need for such caution signals a society in serious trouble.

An analysis of some of the more flagrant violations of public trust, however, might help readers take in news reports with a more critical eye and might encourage government and news media to operate on a higher standard.

What's wrong with literary agent Lucianne Goldberg and hopeful author Linda Tripp conspiring to set up Lewinsky? They were, after all, trying to get a book contract.

What's wrong is that enticing and entrapping another person robs her of autonomy.

Treating the other as an object to achieve our own purposes illustrates the lowest form of moral development.

What's wrong with the most sophisticated journalists lapping up leaks from the independent counsel's office? After all, Washington is flooded with leaks. But, even there, it's toxic. Consider why.

In months past, citizens got reports of what "sources say" witnesses would testify to before the grand jury. But what we needed to know was that independent counsel Kenneth W. Starr would violate professional ethics, and maybe the law, to keep spinning the story at the same speed as other players not bound by promises of prosecutorial silence. The independent counsel has a special obligation to protect the secrecy of grand-jury proceedings.

THE HISTORY of philosophy is full of examples of philosophers who counsel that it is sometimes judicious for leaders to engage in duplicity. However, in each case, the deception is justified as the only way to maintain civil order in a society when it is impossible to remove a leader from office.

Thomas Hobbes, the 17th-century British philosopher, placed the sovereign above the rules of ordinary citizens, but only because maintaining society was imperative.

Even Niccolo Machiavelli, the Florentine philosopher from a century earlier, who is credited with telling the Prince that justification for lying can be found in the realization that people are naturally corrupt, makes his recommendation for how and when leaders ought to deceive on the basis that it is necessary for the monarch to stay in power at all costs.

The classical justifications for leaders' deceptions break down when we conceive of government as an institution that expresses the will of the people in an evolving way, and when we remember that all those in power are assumed to have only temporary tenure.

It is ironic that we see such questionable behavior in our leaders just as moral philosophers are thinking in far grander ways than the old dictate "Avoid causing harm." For the first time, women philosophers and psychologists are being heard in a clear and sustained way.

These new voices suggest that the sort of minimal morality promoted by the traditional canon cannot sustain relationships in the public or private arena.

The feminist approach suggests the most ethical decision is one that takes care of everyone's needs. What is ultimately most important is how we can act in ways that maintain relationships. Deception is wrong because it breaks those bonds. Exploitation is wrong because it sacrifices one person for another's agenda.

This new language of ethics is language that rejects judgment based on the letter of the law.

In her classic article "What Do Women Want in a Moral Theory?" contemporary philosopher Annette Baier notes, "Sensible knaves are precisely those who exploit us without breaking the law." Government and news media should foster the trust required to maintain civic relationships rather than act in ways that break the bonds. It is society that supports these vital institutions. It doesn't take much moral development for politicians and journalists to understand it's in their self-interest not to destroy the society their jobs depend on.

If they do understand, August may be different in important ways from the never-ending rumors and speculations of January. Citizens may find themselves getting a little less detail, fewer unattributed leaks. But that would leave time for politicians and reporters to address the important policy questions of true concern to citizens in a self-governing society.

(Los Angeles Times)

The great grabbing game

DAVID NEWMAN

Behind last week's murder of the two settlers in the West Bank settlement of Yitzhar lies a much more sinister issue, one which lies at the very heart of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

It concerns the nature of land control and ownership. The question is not only about who has the right to establish settlements, but who has *the right to use the land for development, to build houses,* to plant trees, to lay claim to the land for future generations.

By all accounts, the residents of Yitzhar have been testing the waters. The settlers had begun to expand their activities beyond the formal limits of the settlement, onto land whose ownership had been claimed for generations by local Palestinian residents.

Even the right-wing Netanyahu government had not authorized this expansion – in fact, last year security forces demolished three illegal buildings on a hilltop 800 meters east of the settlement, and forcibly evacuated some 30 people who had barricaded themselves inside them.

But, as has been common practice among many of the West Bank settlements during the past two decades, formalities haven't stood in the way of what the residents see as their "inalienable" right to extend Jewish control over as much of the region as possible.

The expansion of settlements has been an important means through which the State of Israel, and the Yishuv prior to 1948, extended its de facto control over the land. While we tend to think of the Arab-Israel conflict at the national level, focusing on the problems of boundary in demarcation and peace with our neighbors, we tend to ignore the local dimensions of the conflict, which are expressed through the old Zionist policy of "a dunam here and a dunam there."

Of course, the legal situation in the West Bank is different from that in Israel proper. Sovereignty allows a state to undertake actions which, however discriminatory, have a legal basis. Many land confiscations within Israel have been appealed to the courts, which dismissed the appeals on grounds that the state is acting within its rights to confiscate land for what are deemed as "legitimate public purposes."

At most, the courts may order compensation to be paid to the original landowners, while in many cases – especially those dating back to the multitude of Arab villages which were overrun and eventually destroyed in the War of Independence – even those rights are denied.

BUT Israel does not possess any form of sovereignty in the West Bank. The only status it has in international law is that of "occupying power." Israel does not view itself as the sovereign power there because it has never formally attempted to annex these territories, unlike the case of east Jerusalem or the Golan Heights.

The international conventions governing the administration of occupied territory are clear, in that they forbid any confiscation of private lands, except in rare cases where a bona fide defensive purpose can be determined. Even in these cases, the land can only be used for the defensive – not civilian – purposes and must be returned to its former owners when that defensive purpose no longer exists.

West Bank settlements do not, nor have they ever, fulfilled any defensive function. On the contrary, many in the defense establishment see them as a burden, involving extra guard duty and road patrols, new perimeter fences and the investment of scarce military resources which could probably be put to better use elsewhere.

But West Bank settlements do – as the kibbutzim and moshavim of the 1920's and 1930's did – create facts on the ground that will be difficult, if not impossible, to remove and which must be taken into account in any future political settlement between Israel and the Palestinians.

In this respect, the settlements have served their purpose. The official Israeli negotiating stance is that Jewish settlements must remain in situ, and even the moderates amongst the policy makers are only prepared to suggest that a few isolated communities, out of a total of some 140 settlements, may have to eventually be removed.

Thus settlements have fulfilled a political, rather than defensive, function. They have laid claim to land, exercising a form of de facto control, which may later be translated into some form of de jure Israeli sovereignty.

The residents of Yitzhar, and others like them, understand this game. They are constantly trying to test the boundaries of just how much they can extend their control over land before it blows up in their face – as it did last week.

And, paradoxically, the outcome of these murders is exactly what they sought in the first place – government authorization of the expansion of the settlement and the construction of a new residential neighborhood. This is a dangerous game, one which will continue to be played out until a final territorial demarcation of separate Israeli and Palestinian territories is in place.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DISREGARD OF THE FACTS

Sir, – The irate references to India in your editorial on the International Criminal Court, "Another UN Obscenity" (July 20) were based on wrong information.

India did not vote against the statute; it was one of 20 countries which abstained. Our major reservation concerned the powers given in the statute, to the UN Security Council to bind even states which do not sign the ICC statute. The power to bind non-States Parties to any international treaty is not a power given to the council by the UN Charter.

A similar disregard of facts is evident in the editorial "Alarm Bells in Kashmir" (August 2). Pakistan continues to sponsor terrorism in India using both religious fundamentalists and mercenaries.

This has nothing to do with either "Islams' rights of expression or Pakistan's right of nationhood." The US State Department's annual survey of Global Terrorism in April 1998 once again reiterated that there are reports of "official Pakistan support to militants fighting in Kashmir."

It also noted that the Pakistan based Harkat-ul-Ansar which kidnapped tourists in Kashmir has been designated a "foreign terrorist organization" by the US. Clashes on the border erupted this year, as in previous years, in August, because the peak summer period is used by Pakistan to step up the infiltration of terrorists into India over mountain passes that are otherwise snowbound.

The prime minister of India has recently underlined India's willingness to strengthen its commitment to the policy of no-first-use of nuclear weapons by undertaking bilateral agreements with Pakistan (which has not accepted the suggestion) and other countries, as well as engaging in discussions for a global no-first-use agreement.

RANJAN MATHAI
Embassy of India in Israel.

Tel Aviv.

IMPORTANT VISITS

Sir, – I was aghast at David Newman's reflections on the summer tours that bring American Jewish teenagers to visit Israel, in an effort to imbibe them with what he refers to in his article "Change the tune" (July 29), as the "last bastion of the Zionist information enterprise." (If this doesn't sound like bellicose rhetoric from the Arab press, what does?)

Newman laments the fact that the tours do not teach the impressionable teenagers how to behave in a "heterogeneous society," and experience the State of Israel with all its contemporary social problems, but rather shuttles the youngsters around on air-conditioned buses from Yad Vashem to the Western Wall, while preaching to them a sophomoric world view which holds that before the creation of the State of Israel, all Jews were helpless at the hands of the other.

But Newman (who admits that in his youth he himself participated in these trips), as a British Jew who chose to make aliya himself, seems to be missing the entire concept of our country.

The State of Israel, with all its admittedly complex problems, exists for the sole purpose of providing Jews a homeland. If anything, visits to the State of Israel for American teenagers are often a point of departure through which they come face to face with issues far beyond their immediate grasp.

One cannot visit here and fail to recognize that relations between Arab and Jew, the Israeli political Left and Right, the religious and secular are seriously tenuous. It is evident everywhere, whether the actual history of the Jewish people (which Newman significantly discounts) is presented or not.

Indeed, without these tours (and future visits to the State of Israel), Jewish communities throughout the Diaspora would fail to develop the ties which bind Jews everywhere to the land of Israel, and would make this country's fragile existence in the eyes of the rest of the world even more difficult.

Newman should simply consider the State of Israel without the support of the United States, and then realize that that relationship is kept alive by those same teenagers when they mature into learned adults.

CAREY ROBINSON WOKCHOK

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FROM OUR ARCHIVES

50 years ago: On August 12, 1948, *The Palestine Post* reported from Washington that a $100m. loan for Israel from Export-Import Bank was under consideration by the US government. The Israel pound would be sounder than the Palestinian pound, declared Mr. Eliezer Kaplan, the minister of finance, on the successful conclusion of the launching of the First National Loan.

25 years ago: On August 12, 1973, *The Jerusalem Post* reported that a last-minute change in flight schedules from Beirut Airport prevented the capture of Dr. George Habash and other Palestine terrorist leaders when Israel Air Force jets intercepted an Iraqi-bound plane over Lebanon and forced it to land in Israel at a military airport.

Alexander Zvielli

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The risky art of creativity

Fostering creativity takes grit - stepping back to allow your kids to face failure, discouragement and temporary frustration. But in the long run it pays off, Elizabeth Large writes

When Emily Gibson was a toddler, she told her mother, "Mittens make my hands sad." A parent would say, "How cute," but a psychologist interested in human development might cite her observation as an example of a child's creativity: the ability to approach a problem (in this case having to wear mittens) in a new and unusual way.

When Emily grows up she may become a great American novelist, or she might work for a public relations firm. There's no telling.

Psychologists don't have hard and fast statistics on whether creativity in a child is a predictor of what he or she does later in life. Still, parents keep hoping that if they can foster creativity, their children may some day achieve something extraordinary.

But are certain children just naturally more creative than others? Even without parental encouragement, some kids seem to like to be different; some seem to like to do things the way everybody else does.

Dr. Leon Rosenberg, director of the Johns Hopkins Child and Adolescent Mental Health Center, feels that the nature vs. nurture question is a non-issue.

"It's the responsibility of every parent to nurture whatever the individual's ability is. Relax on the issue of stifling creativity."

Most parents find that it's a balancing act. Infants rediscover and reinvent everything; life is a series of fascinating problems to be solved. Creativity is their natural state.

The problem is that parents, who have already discovered how to put their shoes on, have a tendency to share this exciting discovery with their children. They want to shorten the learning time, to show the "right" way. Of course, sometimes it is the right way.

"Little suggestions are good," says psychologist Michael Schulman, author of *The Passionate Mind: Bringing Up an Intelligent and Creative Child* (Macmillan, 1991), "rather than giving them step one-two-three and saying, 'Do it my way or I'm going to take it away from you.'"

Schulman is concerned that as children get older, parents sometimes define the creative act in narrow ways. They may insist on art or music lessons, while there are many paths creativity can take, including sports.

"I'm old enough to remember when the jump shot was a new shot," he says.

After all, wise parents don't really expect their children to be the next Picasso or Edison. They want to encourage creativity so that the child – and later the adult – will be able to solve life's problems in imaginative ways.

One stumbling block is that creative problem-solving involves making mistakes. Trying new things usually does; many of them aren't going to work, and that can be frustrating.

"If you encourage a child to take risks and be creative, it means that you are willing to play for high stakes," says Howard Gardner, a developmental psychologist at Harvard and author of many books on the subject.

"There is a fair chance that the child will be frustrated, fail, be discouraged."

On the other hand, it is undeniably a high to create something that is original and appreciated. ...

"If you feel good about taking risks, and you do not care that much whether you end up being successful most of the time, then probably you are a good parent to encourage creativity in your child.

"You can help the child avoid too much frustration by calibrating challenges and by helping the child cope with situations where things did not work out as you and the child might have wished," says Gardner.

Creative people see mistakes as a learning experience. A wrong turn or a dead end can generate information about what – or what not – to try next.

For kids, it helps if they aren't always put in a win/lose situation where there is incentive to perform well. The benefits of competition are balanced by the fact that only one person can win, which puts pressure on the child to come up with the "right" solution quickly.

Kids may end up feeling that exploring alternate ways of doing things is a waste of time. And speaking of time, children need it to explore and daydream.

"Musing around can lead to very productive outcomes," says Schulman.

Unfortunately, open-ended time is something that's hard to come by these days. Along with the piano lessons and Little League games and Cub Scouts, parents who want to encourage creativity should give their children some free time without any programmed activity.

That may mean urging kids not to sit in a corner and read books all day, as well as turning off the television or computer.

Along with open time, parents can help develop their children's imaginations and ability to be flexible by providing plenty of raw materials for them to fool around with – "fool around" being the operative phrase here.

This means blank paper and crayons as opposed to coloring books. Raw materials might also include a piano where children are allowed to play even if they haven't had lessons and aren't playing music. Parents don't have to limit themselves to conventional art supplies.

"We believe in providing children with a lot of different materials so they can experiment with them," says Nancy Kramer, executive director of Downtown Baltimore Child Care, a nonprofit organization.

Before Father's Day, kids at the center were given pieces of wood in various sizes and shapes to make gifts for their dads. They glued them together in remarkably inventive ways, says Kramer. Some sprinkled their creations with glitter. No one – least of all the recipients – seemed concerned about exactly what the objets d'art were.

Maybe one of those children will create a great sculpture later in life. Or maybe not.

But the important thing was that no one hovered over them to make sure that their creations looked like something that could be used as a paperweight, or said "What is it?" or otherwise made the kids worry about how their work was being judged.

"Leave the creative process in the hands of the child," cautions Rosenberg. "Don't turn it into an activity where they have to produce."

Parents can also give their children an appreciation of creativity in the abstract. Schulman suggests introducing them to the idea that the creative act is a good thing by pointing out what is unusual and imaginative: "Isn't it interesting how he combined the buttons and the flowers?"

Parents can celebrate the birthday of a creative hero with their children, learning a little something together about an artist's or inventor's life. "Even if the child doesn't turn into a creative person, the appreciation is there," says Schulman.

But, he adds, "Don't condemn the mundane."

(The Baltimore Sun)



Parents sometimes define the creative act in narrow ways. They may insist on art or music lessons, while there are many paths creativity can take. (Karen Benzian)

Imaginative tips

Now that summer is here, kids have more time to enjoy imaginative play and artistic activities. Here are some suggestions for helping creativity flourish:

• Provide open-ended time for exploration or daydreaming.

• See that lots of fun raw materials are available – blank paper, paint, fabric, glides, crayons, clay.

• Accept messes. Give children the chance to discover how to do things on their own.

• Encourage without judging, even with the tone of your voice. "Tell me about your picture" is a more productive way to say "What is it?" After all, a picture doesn't have to be anything.

• Give kids plenty of opportunity to explore nature.

• Nourish an appreciation of the creative act by taking kids to museums, dance performances, plays and concerts. Celebrate the birthday of a famous creative person. (The Baltimore Sun)

Not a job for everyone

By SUSAN D. HAAS

Help Wanted: Are you organized? Can you juggle multiple priorities? We're looking for a highly motivated dedicated employee with excellent problem-solving, trouble-shooting and analytical skills. Must be very detail-oriented, meet deadlines and work well under pressure. Must be able to work evening and weekend hours. Also required: a valid driver's license and the ability to lift 50 pounds.

Help wanted: Mother.

The fine print reads: Hired for life. Round-the-clock shifts. No flex-time, vacations or holidays. No paychecks, bonuses, raises, or promotions. No profit sharing, retirement, insurance, or savings plans.

The job description varies little, mother to mother. Yet, one mother scoffs at another because she spends more or less time with her children. This one is ridiculed if she brings home a paycheck, and that one's damned if she doesn't. One wishes she hadn't quit her job, another longs to. Can we stop now? Only 17 percent of all families comprise a stay-at-home mom and a bring-home-a-paycheck dad.

The other 83 percent of us occur in some other flavor. In 1996, the US Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that almost 25 million mothers of minor children participated full time or part time in the paid labor force.

All of us, however, are full-time mothers. There are no part-time mothers because there are no part-time children.

The beeper is always on. We know a few of the job skills children demand from mom: Tolerate 427 interruptions a day.

Listen to two people simultaneously, one with each ear. Detect the source of peculiar odors with bloodhound accuracy. Explain the conjugal truth about cats and dogs.



For the rest, why not ask the boss? "If you had to hire a mom," I asked our 8-year-old daughter, "How would you describe the job you'd want her to do?" "I'd want a mom who is nice, fun, interesting. Funny. Loving. To play chess with me. Play outside. Read to me."

"Anything else?"

"Hmmm." She taps an index finger against her lips. "That's it."

OK ... She doesn't mention anything that precludes holding a paying job. Nor any of the 1950s stuff moms still squeeze in here and there. Chef. Waitress. Hairdresser. Personal shopper. Cashier. Appointments secretary. She trots away as my son, 3, climbs into my lap.

"What's a mommy's job?"

"To let me sit on a lap. Make roads in my sandbox. Put some pictures up. Read a book to me. Tickle."

He wants love. Can do. On any schedule. "What else?"

"And do this," he says, pursing his lips and puffing his cheeks. I purse my lips and puff my cheeks. He pops them with his palms. "I farted!" he shouts.

I once tried to teach my daughter not to use the word "fart." "Say 'passed gas,'" I said. It worked for about a week. Then, one evening she informed me she'd learned a trick during recess. "I can cut cheese!" she laughed, demonstrating the blow-on-the-inside-of-the-elbow technique.

Help Wanted: Mother. Risk-taker desired. Good sport preferred. Willing to volunteer for life-long experiment. Benefits intangible, delivered as per chaos theory. Primary responsibility: to love.

(The Allentown Morning Call)

Walking in your child's shoes



By Ruth Mason

"You gave him more ice cream!"

"No fair! How come she gets to stay up till nine?"

"You pay more attention to the boys. I always knew I was adopted!"

Anyone who has raised more than one child has heard these and infinite other variations on the sibling-rivalry theme. In essence, all these protests and complaints boil down to one major fear: "You love him more than you love me."

To get parents to understand what sibling rivalry is all about, Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish, authors of the best-selling *Siblings Without Rivalry – How to Help Your Children Live Together so You Can Live Too* (Avon Books), like to have parents imagine this scenario: Your husband (or wife) puts his arm around you one day and says, "Honey, I love you so much, and you're so wonderful, that I've decided to have another wife just like you."

Imagine your reaction. Then imagine how you feel when your husband brings the new wife home, makes you share your room and clothes with her, expects you to help take care of her and be nice to her.

Imagine how you feel when you see your husband having fun with his new wife. Do you think you might feel intense, even murderous jealousy? Might rage and thoughts of revenge boil up inside you?

Now you can begin to imagine how your children sometimes feel about their siblings.

To continue our hypothetical situation, imagine yourself overcome by these difficult feelings and trying to communicate them to your spouse. How do you feel when he tells you you're being ridiculous and selfish; that it makes him angry when you talk like that; that you're being negative and difficult; that his feelings for the new wife don't take away from his feelings towards you?

None of his reactions help and only make you feel worse. Yet, how often do we say similar things to our children when they complain about their siblings?

What we all want when we're feeling bad is understanding and comfort. According to Faber and Mazlish, that's just what our kids want, too. In fact, they say, the good feelings our children have for one another will surface only once the bad feelings are allowed to come out.

They suggest several ways to encourage the expression of these difficult feelings. First, be sure to give your child your full attention when she starts to talk. Put down the newspaper, the baby, the dish you're washing and look your child full in the face to take in what she is saying. This is an emotional task more than a verbal one. Although Faber and Mazlish suggest the types of things you can say to show your child you understand, it is your feeling of understanding more than your words that will comfort your child.

Here's a scene we've all been through: Your five-year-old comes crying to you that his older brother kicked him out of his room and called him a nudnik to boot. You could try to intervene, act as judge, jury and referee, but you probably know from experience that that won't get you far. Here's how one mother in a Faber-Mazlish workshop handled the situation – notice that she acknowledges her son's feelings and gives him in fantasy what he doesn't have in reality.

Mother: "That must have hurt your feelings. You wish he'd tell you in a nice way that he wants to be alone."

Son doesn't say anything, but stops crying.

Mother: "You wish he'd say, 'Come on in, Itai. Let's play!' Son: "Yeah, and he'd let me look in his telescope."

Mother: "As long as you wanted."

Son: "And give me some of his stickers. I would do that if I had a little brother."

Mother: "You know just the kind of big brother you would be."

Son: "Yeah!"

You can see from this exchange that a perfunctory acknowledgment of feelings is not what this is all about. It's about walking around in your child's shoes for a while, trying to feel what is he feeling and showing him that you understand. You might not be able to convince your older son to let his little brother in to play right then, but you can make the little one feel much better.

Sometimes we don't have the patience or strength to listen at the moment – especially when the gripe list is long, Faber and Mazlish write. In that case, it's okay to say something like, "I hear how upset you are with your brother, but right now it's hard for me to listen. Let's sit down after dinner and talk about it."

A mother in one of the authors' workshops came up with the idea of a "gripe book" for each child. A father wrote down his daughter's complaints about her brother and then read them back to her, to her great interest.

After hearing Faber and Mazlish's ideas, one reserved mother thought she'd try it with her quiet seven-year-old, even though she had never expressed any hostile feelings toward her three-year-old sister but rather just tended to ignore her.

One day, while the little one was napping, the mother asked her older daughter to sit next to her on the couch. She put her arm around her and said, "I'm glad we can be alone together, because I haven't talked to just *you* in a long time. I've been thinking ... sometimes it must be a pain in the neck to have a younger sister. You have to share everything with her – your room, your toys – even your mother.

"She said such terrible things," the mother reported. "How much she hated her. How she wished her dead sometimes. I started to get sick to my stomach. It was a good thing the phone rang, because I don't know how much more I could have listened to." That night, when the mother went to check on her girls, she thought she wasn't seeing straight: "There were the two of them in one bed, sleeping with their arms around each other!" Faber and Mazlish's conclusion: Insisting on good feelings between siblings leads to bad feelings. Allowing for bad feelings between siblings leads to good feelings.

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Gardener's Corner



Be happy: Make a garden

By Batsheva Mink



A large garden can be divided into more intimate spaces.



There are two main planting seasons – autumn for bulbs, and spring for plants.

Turning a bare plot of earth into a blooming garden can be a daunting experience for even a keen gardener, and the instant-oasis option can be very enticing. You just open your wallet, hire a landscape designer, and the scattered building debris and dried grass suddenly become a magnificent garden.

There is no waiting for trees to mature, no desperate attempts to fill empty borders, no small seedlings to mollycoddle.

I recently came across an instant garden of this sort, where constant flooding had stunted the plant growth. The problem was a matter of bad drainage, typical of instant gardens.

The amount of water in the soil determines to a great extent its fertility. Drainage allows water to pass through the soil quickly, without stagnating or collecting underneath plants to block out air pockets and turn the soil sour. Lack of drainage blocks oxygen to the roots, the hardest-working part of the plant. Wet soil also remains cold in winter, is difficult to cultivate and serves as a breeding place for pests and diseases.

For good drainage, dig deep – right down to the sub-soil. Break up the ground with a fork but avoid bringing it to the surface. Remove any buried rubble. If your soil seems compacted you can always add some volcanic stones, called *toof* in Hebrew. The upper layer of the soil can be mixed with plenty of compost. Healthy soil grows healthy plants.

Don't be in too much of a hurry to get the plants in. Gardens are like icebergs, nine-tenths remain unseen (the preparations).

Making a garden is like building a house – the top part is only as strong as the foundation below and there is much to be gained by taking the early planning stage very slowly.

Three points to consider when making a new garden are:

- Make it top priority to suit the garden to the site.
- Meet the requirements of all family members.
- Plan for minimum upkeep. If you can't take care of the garden regularly, it may end up as one big mess.

Most of all, plant the garden so that it will give you pleasure over many years.

Everyone has their own ideas about the kind of plants they want to grow, but one should take into account that garden help is not easy to get nowadays, and when you do find it, it is usually expensive.

Therefore, it is a good idea to give serious thought to the advantages of laborsaving garden features. Preparing the soil well saves a lot of extra work later on, since your plants will grow strong and look healthy as a result.

Here are some ideas for planning the garden:

1. Get your ideas down on paper.
2. Find out what sort of soil you have – clay, sand, alkaline or acid. Not every plant thrives in every type of soil. If there is very little topsoil in the garden, you may have to buy some extra and add to it.
3. Don't try to fight nature – work with it instead. You cannot make a shady garden sunny, especially if a 20-meter tree or a six-meter wall casts the shade. There are many interesting and colorful shade-loving plants to choose from. It is possible to change a sunny garden into a shady one by planting trees.
4. Find out which way your garden faces because the direction will affect how much sun it gets and which plants will do well in it.
5. Add a few curves to the lawns or paths. Straight lines have a tendency to make the garden look boxy, whereas curves add softness and a natural flow.
6. Plan the design so that the most spectacular plants can be easily seen from the windows. This is often a comfort in bad weather.
7. Remember, trees are the backbone of the planting scheme, they introduce shade and look very stately. But don't plant a tree too close to the house – the roots could eventually penetrate the foundations.
8. Try not to accomplish everything in one go. There are two main planting seasons – autumn for bulbs and spring for plants. Trees and roses should be planted in the winter.
9. Take the weather into consideration. If you live in Eilat, you may not be able to grow plants from cooler climates. But you can grow plants that need warmth in the winter.
10. A large garden can be divided into more intimate spaces that also make general management easier.

In all but the smallest gardens, it should be possible to screen off one or two small areas to create a small, secret hideaway full of roses or scented plants.

11. If you have decided you must have a lawn, take into consideration the amount of water it needs and the time it takes to maintain it. Lawns grow fast during the summer and need to be fertilized, mowed and watered regularly to stay in good shape.

Remember all plants need water, some more than others. If you don't want to end up with a huge water bill, you may want to opt for plants with low water requirements.

Of course, it would be ideal if we could choose just the right size garden with just the right soil and just the right amount of sun. But most of us must be content with what we've got. This usually means plenty of builder's rubble, soil without organic matter, little or no shade and poor drainage.

But don't despair. There is a Chinese proverb, which says: If you want to be happy for a week, take a wife; if you want to be happy for a month, kill your pig; but if you want to be happy all your life, make a garden.

Next week: Part two on how to design your garden.

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TIP OF THE WEEK

Before planting anything, make a plan on paper. It is much easier to erase mistakes than to move a tree or shrub that has been planted in the wrong space.

After you do plant, make a note of the date.



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Heads 'N' Tails



By D'vora Ben Shaul

Nine lives and a hundred catcalls

How many different sounds does a cat make? Far more than one would imagine.

James Clavell, a blind musician, claimed that he could identify more than 100 different sounds made by his cat. This seemed far-fetched, but modern voice-print techniques have proven that the range of cat sounds is far greater than formerly thought and there is little reason to doubt that Clavell was right.

Of course, to those who neither know nor want to know anything about cats there are only two voices, "meow" and caterwauling. But any one who lives with a cat knows that there is a highly developed language at work.

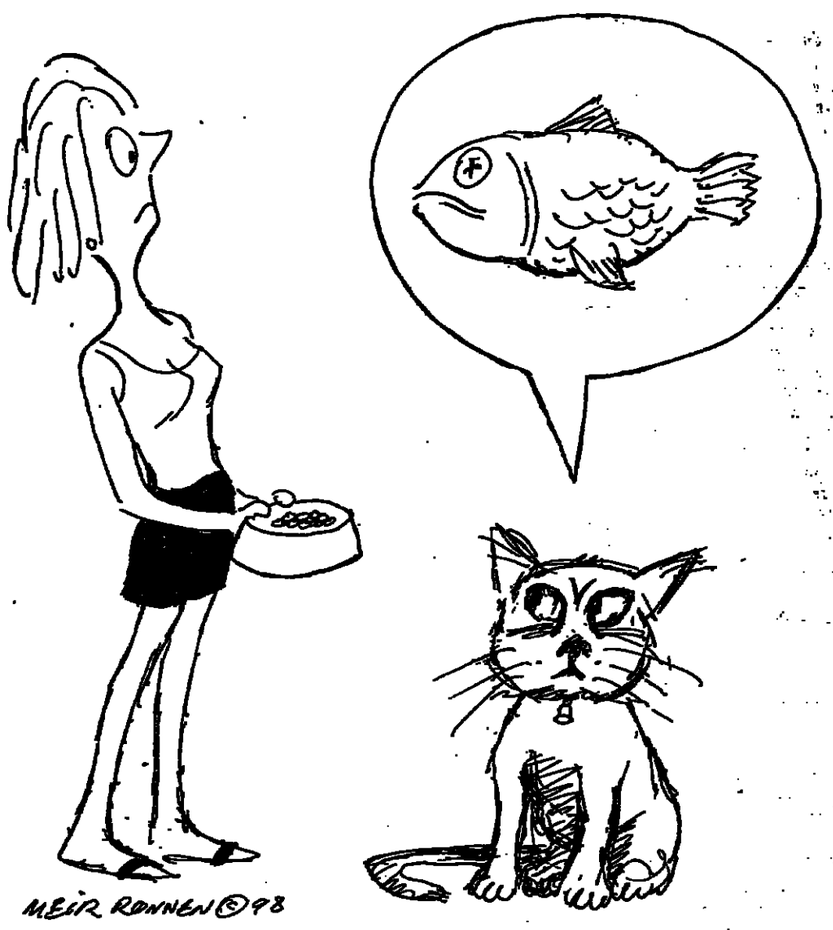
There's the soft call of "pay attention to me," the impatient yowl of "open the door already, I've been sitting here for ages!" and, of course the frantic "feed me! Now! I'm famished." And then, that pitiful mewl, "how can you possibly fill my dish with kibble while you eat trout?"

Also we mustn't forget the aggrieved grumble when a cat is ousted from a favorite spot. Not all cats speak alike, they're like people in that respect. My tomcat raps out his commands in the strident tones of a drill sergeant while my female, a lady to her claw tips, always speaks in modulated tone.

Now there's a female kitten, unexpected, unwanted but not, for all that, unloved. So far she only squeaks.

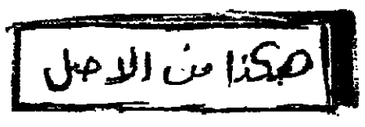
Cats use such a variety of sounds because they really like to communicate – with other cats and even with a friendly dog. With their human companions they use even more sounds, because we are somewhat blind to the more subtle nuances of body language and studied glances.

It has also been observed that cats that are talked to develop a greater vocal range than cats that are not. Children's cats almost always have a more developed vocabulary than cats living with a single person.



For this reason, after many futile attempts to get reliable readings from laboratory cats, audio specialists took their experiments into homes and got results that could not be duplicated in the laboratory.

It is not yet clear how much of the cat vocabulary is duplicated and whether the same sound means the same thing coming from different cats.It is possible that each cat invents its own language when communicating with people and uses a generic language when communicating with other cats.



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At least 3 groups to bid for Discount

By DAN GERSTENFELD

Three groups have already confirmed their intention to bid for a controlling stake in Israel Discount Bank, a source close to deal said last night, on the eve of the closure of the tender today.

The source told *The Jerusalem Post* that the Eliahu and Keil groups have already given a deposit of $20 million and that the third group is expected to follow suit today.

Other bidders may also submit bids today, he noted.

The Eliahu group is led by insurer Shlomo Eliahu and his partners in control of Union Bank – David Lubinsky, the local Peugeot/Citroen importer, and investor Yeshayahu Landau, a stake-holder in Granit Hacarmel. The two other members are Delek Israel, which is controlled by contractor Yitzhak Tshuva, and C.P. Holdings, which is controlled by Bernard Schreier, an Anglo-Jewish entrepreneur who is a partner in Bank Leumi UK and Switzerland and controls hotels properties in Israel.

The second group is led by former Safra family banker Jeffrey Keil, who failed to acquire a controlling stake in Bank Hapoalim. Other members include Edouard Stern and insurance company Locadia.

The third group is led by financier Benny Steinmetz and the US investment company Texas Pacific Group.

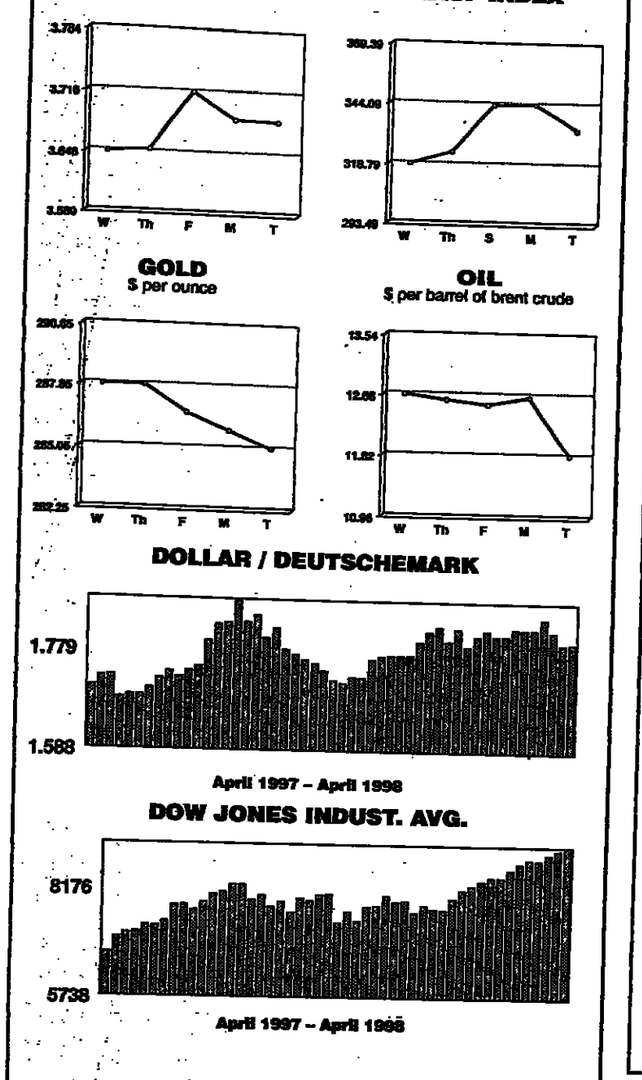
The bidding groups will have to receive the approval of the Bank of Israel to start the due diligence process for Israel's third largest bank.

Analysts said it is difficult to predict how much money the government will get at the end. "Bank Discount is problematic," said Doron Tsur, head of research at Sahar Securities. "Unlike Bank Hapoalim, it's difficult to get a quick return on the investment."

Discount is considered the least efficient bank in the banking sector.

Discount shares have risen almost 30% since the beginning of the year on expectations that the sale of the government holdings will lead to a sharp rise in the bank's value.

BUSINESS *in brief*



July trade deficit down 3%

Exports totaled $1.87b. in July, a 3.76 percent drop compared with the same month last year, while imports fell by 3.62% to $2.33b., according to data released by the Central Bureau of Statistics yesterday. The trade deficit fell by 3.1% last month compared with July 1997.

However, excluding diamonds, ships, and aircraft, exports rose by 1.8%, while imports were flat, according to the figures, which do not include trade with the Palestinian Authority, Israel's second largest export market after the US.

Over the past few months, sales of machinery and electrical equipment, food, and jewelry declined, while there was a decline in the pace of growth in telecommunications and control equipment and metals. However, there was increased growth in exports of electronic components and computers.

Industrial exports, including software, comprised 71% of sales abroad last month, followed by diamonds at 27% and agriculture at 2%. Agriculture exports are down 2.3% for the season, which began last October, compared with the previous season.

Nina Gilbert

Hapoalim offering abroad canceled

The Arison-Dankner group has canceled a planned sale of Bank Hapoalim shares in the US. In a statement the bank said that the sale was delayed until the consortium decides overseas market conditions are right. The cancelation is expected to affect mainly the Dankner Group, which planed to use the money to repay part of the loans it took last year to acquire control over Israel's largest bank.

Dan Gerstenfeld

Jordanian trade minister arrives for talks

Jordanian Industry Minister Hani Mulki arrives here today for a day of trade talks with Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky. The two are to discuss ways to boost trade, including encouraging joint ventures, especially industrial zones in Jordan recognized for free-trade status under the Israeli-US accord.

Mulki is also to meet with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu. Bilateral trade doubled in the first half of the year.

Nina Gilbert

Credit card war intensifies

The struggle between credit card providers intensified yesterday when Bank Leumi announced that it will provide its clients with Visa ICC and Diners credit cards free of charge. In addition, the clients will not have to pay the insurance fee required currently by all providers. The bank, which controls I.C.C VISA together with Israel Discount Bank, said that each customer who has a monthly average of six transactions will get the card for free. The move is a direct reaction to a series of benefits offered last week by Visa Alpha, the new credit card supplier. A spokesman for Visa Alpha reacted to the move by saying that it indicates that the company has succeeded in revolutionizing the whole market. "It's been only a week and Bank Leumi is already trying to imitate us."

Dan Gerstenfeld



Chinese economy hurt by flooding

A boat carrying flood control volunteers sails past the Bank of China in western Jiujiang. The last official estimate said the floods had caused $4.8 billion in damage, which will have some influence on the GDP growth target of 8.0 percent set for this year.

(Reuters)

BP to buy Amoco, creating third-largest oil company

By GEORGE STEIN and NICOLA HOBDAY

LONDON (Bloomberg) – British Petroleum Co. agreed yesterday to acquire Amoco Corp. for about $48 billion in stock, or $50 a share, creating the world's third-largest publicly traded oil company.

Shareholders of Chicago-based Amoco will get 3.97 BP shares, in the form of American depositary receipts, for each Amoco share. How much debt BP will assume was not immediately known.

The new company will be known as BP Amoco Plc, with BP shareholders owning 60 percent of new company and Amoco 40%. The new company will be run by BP Chief Executive John Browne with headquarters in London. Amoco Chairman and Chief Executive Larry Fuller will become deputy chairman.

"It gives each company what they were lacking. Amoco will get the refining and marketing exposure it needs overseas. BP will beef up its presence in the US and give it more shareholders," said Fadel Gheit, an analyst with Fahnestock & Co.

The new company will have capitalization of about $110 billion, ranking third among publicly-traded oil companies after Royal Dutch/Shell Group and Exxon Corp.

BP said it expects the acquisition to add $2 billion to annual earnings by 2000. Job cuts are expected.

The new board will contain 13 BP directors and nine from Amoco. Amoco must pay $950 million if it breaks the agreement. BP will have to pay $1 billion if it backs out.

While the company will be run from London, Amoco's Chicago headquarters will direct the company's North American operations.

The combined company will have 14.8 billion barrels of crude oil in reserves.

PM's Office: Income tax must not exceed 40%

By DAVID HARRIS

Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman will in the near future announce a tax reform which will include the abolition of exemptions to the value of NIS 5 billion - NIS 8b., but only half of the program will be implemented in January, an official in the Prime Minister's Office said yesterday.

The final version of the proposals has still not been presented to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, despite Neeman's original promise that he would submit them before December 31 last year.

When the plan is eventually handed over to Netanyahu, he will only accept it if it takes the top income tax bracket below 40%, said the official.

"We would like to see it as near as possible to 35% but we'll accept 40%. Every one percent lower than this will be a bonus," said the official.

He did not clarify whether there would also be a cut in national insurance contributions. Presently, top earners pay 50% income tax and 10% to the National Insurance Institute.

The proposal will only be partially implemented at first because there are still budgetary problems, which the Treasury is assessing, he said.

Among the issues the Finance Ministry has to monitor are the need for fiscal restraint, the bid to reduce the size of public sector spending as a percentage of the overall gross domestic product and the ongoing shortfall in revenues from taxation. The official also admitted that those backing the reform are nervous it will prove to be politically unacceptable.

In the eyes of the Prime Minister's Office there are several benefits in the reform including a reduction in the tax burden, creating a good atmosphere for private consumption, increasing demand and sending out a positive message to investors.

But these and other benefits will only be fully felt if the tax reform is accompanied by three other key measures in the economy, the official said:

- A reduction in interest rates and the associated alteration to the shekel exchange rate mechanism, as announced last week.
- Approving the 1999 state budget with no fiscal expansion.
- Implementing all the structural changes in the economy as put forward in the coming year's budgetary arrangements bill.

MKs on both sides of the Knesset have made it clear they will fight any or reductions in tax exemptions that hit society's weaker elements. Among the most vocal MKs are the members of the social caucus and those who hail from development towns.

FIBI's net falls 11.7%

RESULTS

By DAN GERSTENFELD

The First International Bank of Israel yesterday announced that net profit for the first half of the year fell 11.7 percent to NIS 92.1 million from NIS 104.4m. a year ago.

The disappointing results led to a 5.81% decline in the price of FIBI's share on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange.

The bank attributed the decline to falling profitability of its subsidiaries, costs arising from the launching of the new credit card company Visa Alpha, and costs linked to changes in the calculation of interest rates on saving plans. According to the report, FIBI's subsidiaries contributed only NIS 18m. to the bank's net profit compared with NIS 18.8m. a year ago mainly due to a rise in provisions for doubtful debts.

The bank is the first of the country's five largest banks to report its earnings and the other banks are expected to follow suit and show lower profitability.

Analysts said they are worried because of costs which rose by 9% to NIS 460.4m. with salary costs increasing 6.9% to NIS 278.7m.

"The bank is trying to expand its activity and this can only be done by increasing costs," said Doron Tzur head of research at Sahar Securities. "Other banks have actually reduced costs by laying off workers and therefore are expected to be less affected by rising costs."

FIBI said that net return on capital fell in the first half to 8.2% from 9.8% a year earlier and 10.5% in the whole of 1997.

Income from financing activities before provision for doubtful debt rose 5.7% to NIS 442.5m. from NIS 418.8m. in the first half of 1997.

Credit to the public on June 30 was NIS 660m. an increase of 17.1%, while deposits from the public rose 18.6% to NIS 35.9m.

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THE BUSINESS SCENE
By Greer Fay Cashman

Undeterred by the downturn in tourism to Jerusalem, **Shlomo Grofman**, chairman of the board of Israel Resort Hotels-Howard Johnson, says that it's important for international hotel chains to continue investing in the city's tourist infrastructure. The optimistic Grofman anticipates a sharp upswing toward the year 2000 and wants to be ready to meet the demand for hotel rooms.



Howard Johnson is in the process of completing a 16-story, 250-room hotel complex on Jaffa Road. The hotel is scheduled to open in April, 1999. Another Howard Johnson Hotel will open a year later in Nazareth.

Ariella Simida and **Giora Nir** have invested $10 million in revamping and refurbishing Jerusalem's Ram Hotel, which they are turning into an apartotel. They are also negotiating for the purchase of another hotel in the capital for a sum of approximately $20m.

Uzi Ben-Zeev (right) has been appointed deputy director for project services at V-Soft. Since joining the company in 1997, he has been responsible for technical aid. In his new capacity, Ben-Zeev will take charge of both technical aid toward sales promotion and project support services. V-Soft is an Israeli programming concern which markets innovative programming products.

Speaking of hotels in Jerusalem, Novotel has dispatched its chief interior decorator, **Jacques Vremier**, to the holy city. Vremier will supervise the furnishing of the model hotel room which will be part of the 420-room hotel complex and convention center being built on the historic site of the Mandelbaum Gate, which used to be an important border checkpoint. The Jerusalem Novotel, a joint project of the international Accor chain and Clal Tourism, is due to open in September, 1999. Two other Novotel Hotels, each just over half the size of the Jerusalem facility, will be built in Acre and by the Dead Sea at an investment of $25m. each.

Netivei Alon director-general **Doron Balsha** has resigned because after a year of discussions, the Transportation Ministry has refused to accept his recommendations for turning the highway construction company into a fully owned government company.

E*Trade Israel has announced that **Yoram Shoham** (left) will join the firm as vice president of marketing. Shoham, 46, was vice president of marketing for Internet Gold for the past five years. He holds a BA in industrial engineering and management and an MBA from Tel Aviv University.

El Al's acquisition of two Boeing ER 767-200 long-haul planes will add tremendously to the airline's service capability, says **Joel Feldschuh**, the company's general manager. El Al's Board of Directors has given the company's management the green light to continue negotiations with Air France for the purchase of the two planes which are intended for non-stop flights from Tel Aviv to Chicago, Toronto or Hong Kong.

At a meeting in Jerusalem, **Peter White**, who heads British Airways' sales network, told Transportation Minister **Shaul Yahalomi** that Israel will be included in promotional brochures distributed by BA for flights during the year 2000. White also offered his services in assisting with the privatization of El Al, pointing out that British Airways could serve as a good example of how this should be done.



Sivan Farag

Riding the dollar-yen roller coaster

As Japan's volatile yen edges close to its eight-year low against the dollar, international speculators are flocking to partake in the high-stakes trading

By PERRI COLLEY MCKINNEY

LONDON – The yen's slump to an eight-year low in recent weeks is making the Japanese currency more popular than ever with traders, as Japan's economic and political gyrations make for high-stakes trading.

The international currency brokerage company EBS, whose trading system is used by about 750 banks, said more than $40 billion was traded in dollar-yen in June, almost double the $22.5b. traded in May. Dollar-mark trading was little changed at $42.2b. in June.

A surge in dollar-yen volatility to 25 percent in mid-July lured speculators, with daily swings of one and two yen becoming standard fare. As a result, trading in dollar-yen is catching up with dollar-mark, typically the world's hottest currency pair in the $1.5 trillion-per-day currency market.

"Our clients are jumping onto this roller coaster in dollar-yen," said Roger Hynes, the marketing manager at Internet-based currency trading company Currency Management Story. "They think there must be some mileage in it for them – some prospect of making money."

Dollar-yen sales at the company, whose clients are mainly retired traders or traders betting their own money, have risen 40% since May, and now exceed dollar-mark sales, Hynes said.

The world's biggest banks are also profiting from the rising enthusiasm for dollar-yen. Citicorp of the US said last month currency trading revenue rose 50% in the second quarter, and first-half earnings reports from Germany's Deutsche Bank AG and National Westminster Plc of the UK showed their trading profits soared by nearly as much.

Japan's economic collapse has hammered the yen. It weakened to 145.91 per dollar today, edging close to the eight-year low of 146.78 it reached June 16.

Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto's failure to lead the economy out of recession prompted his resignation last month, after his ruling Liberal Democratic Party took a beating in an election. The LDP officials who've replaced his team, however, haven't come up with any new ideas to revive growth. And Moody's Investors Service is threatening to cut Japan's "Aaa" credit rating as Japanese banks struggle to cope with an estimated $1 trillion in bad loans.

Even with that list of setbacks, demand for yen hasn't dried up. Japan's 1.4 trillion yen ($10b.) trade surplus means constant yen purchases by Japanese exporters converting their overseas earnings into domestic currency. For some speculators, the prospect of the US joining Japan in selling dollars for yen to prop up the currency and stave off another round of devaluations in Asia also made the yen worth buying.

They bet right – for a while. The US spent $833m. on June 17 to buy yen, and analysts speculate Japan spent that much or more in the joint effort. The government sales took the US currency down 8 yen to about 136, though it's since given back most of those gains.

"It was a dangerous poker game, and as a result we saw extreme volatility in the yen," said Stephan Harris, head of treasury for NatWest Global Financial Markets, where foreign exchange growth drove dealing profits 33% higher in the first half of the year, to £145m.

Dollar-yen price volatility, or the day-to-day change in price, surged to a 30-day average of close to 25% in mid-July and has averaged 16% in the past 100 days, compared with an average 100-day dollar-mark volatility of 7.5%.

The dollar-yen volatility is "as high as we've ever seen it," based on data that goes back 10 years, said Luke Ding, NatWest's head of global currency options.

Ding said it's not yet clear whether currency market volatility will accelerate or slow – with the yen still the key.

"If the dollar keeps rising against the yen, it could cause a runaway situation in global markets and volatility will go up," he said. "If Japan solves its problems, and the yen strengthens, volatility should decrease."

Currency Management Corp. saw dollar-yen trades valued at 81% of its dollar-mark business in May. By June, the US- Japan cross rate exceeded dollar-mark by 12%, with that gap widening to 19% in July.

The potential to turn a quick profit kept European bank traders placing Internet orders with their own money over lunch and after hours, with some even staying up late to watch developments in Japan, said Hynes of CMC.

Bankers claim the more trading gets done, the better they can track trends and the more profit they can make for themselves and for customers.

At Deutsche Bank AG, Germany's biggest bank, foreign exchange income increased by about 43% in the first half and accounted for 629 million deutsche marks (DM357m.) of a 2.5 million mark gain in overall trading income.

"We've seen increased growth in trading activity, from corporate clients and investors, driven by Asia in general and Japan in particular," said Albert Maasland, head of marketing for Deutsche's global markets division. "The big players have a better handle on the market sentiment. It's a win-win situation for the bank and the client." (Bloomberg)



A fatigued foreign exchange dealer stretches in a Tokyo brokerage this week during another hefty day of dollar-yen trading. (Reuters)

Dresdner in talks to buy Paine Webber

Dresdner Bank AG, Germany's second-largest bank, is in "intensive" talks to buy Paine Webber Group Inc. for up to $10 billion, business daily *Handelsblatt* reported.

The talks with the fourth-largest US brokerage were initiated when Chief Executive Bernhard Walter and board member Gerhard Eberstadt visited Paine Webber Chairman and CEO Donald Marron a few weeks ago, the newspaper said, citing people close to the negotiations. Dresdner Bank declined to comment.

The talks would come amid a rapid consolidation in the financial-services industry as companies seek to offer a full range of products from banking to securities brokering to insurance on a global scale. More than 12 US securities firms have combined or been bought by banks since the start of 1997.

"A US acquisition wouldn't be cheap, but it would make sense strategically," said Dieter Heim, an analyst at Commerzbank AG. "Dresdner wants to be a top global investment bank, so it needs a strong position in the largest market."

Dresdner has made a series of moves to build a global financial services company to compete with Deutsche Bank AG and Switzerland's UBS and Credit Suisse Group.

In 1995, it bought Kleinwort Benson Group Plc, a UK investment bank, for £1 billion and combined it with its German investment bank to form Dresdner Kleinwort Benson. The next year, it paid $300 million for RCM Capital Management, a San Francisco fund manager that's become the backbone of its international fund business.

Buying Paine Webber, with its 6,551 brokers, would provide Dresdner with a US sales force to distribute securities, mutual funds and other products and win stock underwriting business.

A link with Dresdner would bolster Paine Webber's own fund businesses and its European investment bank operations, which are primarily from its acquisition of most of Kidder Peabody & €b. from General Electric Co. in 1995.

Merging with Dresdner Kleinwort Benson would not create the type of overlap that would occur if Dresdner bought a US investment bank like Lehman Brothers Inc. (Bloomberg)

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Ahrayut Flexible	535.49	526.00	+ 1.81	+4.82	2.7
Alomot Flexible	113.69	111.77	+ 2.40	—	11.4
Analyst Deversified	831.84	812.62	+ 4.53	+ 12.31	69.0
Apex Flexible	193.29	192.61	+ 3.56	+ 24.11	39.7
Arsimsedes	169.40	167.30	+ 1.19	+ 14.36	0.8
Avuka	2061.41	2054.80	+ 2.98	+8.09	5.6
Bloch Rotstein Flexible	239.02	234.16	+ 1.21	+ 13.30	34.6
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Dilda Mamon	280.32	278.30	+ 0.22	+5.56	25.8
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Evergreen Flexible	128.76	128.74	+ 4.16	+5.86	8.7
Excellence Flexible	3306.77	3282.30	+ 2.60	+ 12.90	8.0
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Omer Pekan	211.62	207.85	+ 3.18	+2.76	22.0
Otzar Flexible	111.05	109.13	+ 3.14	+6.66	4.7
Pia Hayovel	253.10	251.82	+ 3.64	+ 25.57	49.5
Pia Kela	1020.63	1016.56	+ 3.43	+ 12.94	315.4
Psagot Gamish	648.08	636.58	+ 4.18	+ 12.51	151.1
Psagot Megama	384.85	381.77	+ 3.33	+ 14.41	85.5
Quantum	100.73	99.45	+ 0.56	-1.85	0.2
Ramco Flexible	182.69	180.53	+ 1.42	+7.21	3.2
Sasr Flexible	241.14	237.98	+ 2.42	+9.80	5.0
Sesr Pekan	215.98	215.33	+ 3.33	+ 12.26	203.0
Sigma Flexible	110.56	109.40	+ 1.96	+9.58	9.3
Sivan	315.27	311.21	+ 3.21	+ 19.36	76.4
Telescope	125.15	124.66	+ 2.16	-1.02	2.0
Yaad Flexible	108.17	108.03	+ 1.63	+8.34	5.3
Yesodot	3425.81	3365.17	+ 4.00	+ 11.30	35.0
Zeller Flexible	91.56	90.89	+ 1.85	-2.45	4.3
Zion Flexible	17701.01	17639.98	+ 1.97	+ 25.07	14.0
SHARES					
Adi Pekan	129.46	127.17	+ 3.75	+ 10.68	39.3
Alidm Shares	264.75	260.93	+ 2.58	+4.87	15.5
Ahrayut Oil & Shares	140.82	137.57	+ 3.73	- 10.48	1.5
Ahrayut Real Estate	233.96	229.25	+ 2.40	+ 3.88	7.8
Ahrayut Shares	350.07	343.84	+ 1.85	+4.57	3.0
Alomot Growth	105.41	103.57	+ 2.29	—	1.2
Analyst Aggressive	171.17	167.20	+ 4.28	+ 12.13	53.7
Analyst Equity	1385.01	1333.29	+ 4.11	+ 14.75	151.6
Analyst Industries	423.86	413.84	+ 4.61	+ 14.48	60.3
Apex Shares	124.16	123.63	+ 3.66	+ 24.04	15.7
Atlas Pekan	—	—	—	—	33.1
Baron	236.84	236.18	+ 2.79	+9.57	13.4
Bloch Rotstein Shares	123.27	120.82	+ 0.66	+ 21.00	17.8
Capital Shares	107.88	106.48	+ 5.03	+ 16.71	4.6
Chemical Pekan	131.05	128.74	+ 3.89	+9.77	5.6
Clali Mavof	272.81	272.01	+ 3.38	+ 10.83	22.8
Clali Shares & Conv.	167.63	167.12	+ 3.26	+ 12.68	2.5
Dilda Maagal	110.27	109.41	+ 1.91	+5.87	13.6
Dilda Madad Mavof	233.77	232.52	+ 3.53	+ 11.94	76.0
Dilda Meretz	589.89	585.25	+ 2.96	+ 11.83	79.7
Dilda Meitan	121.05	120.14	+ 1.88	+1.36	38.4
Dilda Migdar Finance	142.10	141.02	+ 4.07	+ 12.89	37.8
Dilda Mikud 30	77.05	76.45	+ 1.85	+5.29	39.0
Dilda Mivneh	380.56	377.56	+ 4.71	+5.81	26.2
Dilda Mondial	—	—	—	—	16.8
Dilda Mor	1696.15	1683.29	+ 2.83	+8.03	93.8
Dovrat Shrem 100	117.96	115.55	+ 2.55	+5.54	18.5
Dovrat Shrem Yotar	132.45	129.74	+ 2.86	+4.09	13.9
Emda Export	94.45	93.49	+ 2.85	+ 10.53	9.9
Emda High Tech	—	—	—	—	9.6
Emda Mavof	243.10	241.31	+ 3.38	+ 11.87	35.3
Emda Paz	202.58	200.49	+ 2.53	+ 10.45	12.4
Emda Shalhevet	182.61	181.25	+ 2.30	+ 13.02	14.6
Emda T-A 100	2232.10	2208.41	+ 2.60	+9.91	53.1
Emda Yeter	1762.46	1743.81	+ 2.08	+5.55	23.5
Epsilon 36	122.31	121.86	+ 2.65	+ 20.62	35.8
Epsilon Shares	212.57	211.78	+ 2.96	+ 15.38	16.8
Epsilon Technologies	—	—	—	—	12.6
Erez Pekan	377.20	375.98	+ 3.10	+ 14.03	165.0
Esh	639.82	627.21	+ 2.70	+4.33	2.3
Evergreen High Tech	—	—	—	—	11.1
Evergreen Shares	173.62	172.18	+ 3.67	+7.46	18.9
Excellence Agresive	282.10	278.97	+ 2.22	+ 17.06	9.4
Excellence Shares	696.09	692.24	+ 2.30	+ 20.72	8.6
Eyal Shares	152.47	152.47	+ 2.99	+ 13.23	7.3
Gal	131.75	130.06	+ 3.14	+ 13.59	16.0
Hon Pekan	123.08	120.91	+ 3.57	+8.66	63.1
Igud Maol	107.03	106.50	+ 3.33	+ 12.08	11.2
Igud Shares	160.25	159.17	+ 3.59	+8.56	8.9
Igud Yeter	112.57	111.87	+ 2.60	+3.22	10.7
Ilanot Caramim	182.16	181.21	+ 2.18	+9.34	90.3
Ilanot Communication	122.84	122.17	+ 1.18	+ 13.09	66.7
Ilanot Dekel	3494.02	3475.76	+ 2.97	+ 10.95	105.2
Ilanot Finance	105.38	104.82	+ 3.12	+ 10.69	15.1
Ilanot Globe	—	—	—	—	12.9
Ilanot Maol	230.49	229.36	+ 3.29	+ 12.19	82.3
Ilanot Nadlan	1560.55	1552.03	+ 3.59	—	32.5
Ilanot Nimrazot	92.79	92.33	+ 4.61	+7.82	6.2
Ilanot Shares	5461.60	5452.87	+ 2.92	+8.49	9.5
Ilanot Shchakim	82.68	82.35	+ 2.38	+7.74	17.7
Ilanot Sheesk	1017.90	1012.47	+ 3.02	+ 10.99	122.5
Ilanot T-A 100	3130.66	3114.50	+ 3.22	+ 12.12	80.3
Ismael America	—	—	—	—	1.2
Kohav Pekan	190.86	190.26	+ 2.96	+ 14.58	111.1
Koor Money Market	136.52	136.52	+ 0.66	+3.89	562.3
Koor Shares	104.03	102.74	+ 3.57	+ 10.65	9.6
Lahak Agresivit Plus	94.67	92.92	+ 2.36	+6.17	21.1
Lahak Ankor	937.14	934.36	+ 1.76	+ 10.13	38.4
Lahak Dividends	374.42	373.47	+ 2.93	+ 21.41	61.0
Lahak Mensyot 30	104.91	104.91	+ 3.15	—	34.1
Lahak Mensyot Yeter	123.99	123.01	+ 1.59	+9.25	43.6
Lahak Nadlan	144.03	141.46	+ 3.09	+9.78	32.2
Lahak TA-Wall Street	—	—	—	—	19.3
Lahak Tor 100	495.82	486.89	+ 2.96	+ 13.44	83.2
Lahak Yetsu	84.10	83.86	+ 2.17	+ 12.70	39.3
Lahak Zamir	912.26	909.46	+ 1.61	+ 11.67	66.9
Maale Maof Pekan	208.90	205.22	+ 3.35	+9.53	71.2
Magic	283.36	278.35	+ 3.40	+6.70	6.6
Meitav High Tech	—	—	—	—	1.8
Meitav Options	52.96	52.15	+ 3.76	+ 25.36	12.7
Meitav Shares	225.57	220.16	+ 3.16	+ 10.57	5.6
Meitav Tauza	125.58	124.25	+ 3.86	+ 13.34	5.5
Mercazit Caram Maniv	70.90	70.89	+ 2.42	+6.54	2.3
Mercazit Maof	217.48	216.94	+ 3.21	+ 10.52	2.2
Mercazit TA 100	285.69	284.84	+ 3.06	+9.26	2.9
Mertingali Dynamic	110.16	110.02	- 0.34	+ 10.18	13.9
Neolita Continental	62.47	61.36	+ 1.96	+7.07	13.5
Nessus Shares	496.44	493.11	+ 3.12	+ 10.06	8.2
Nili T-A 100	1149.26	1134.45	+ 2.53	+ 11.23	22.0
Omega	121.31	119.18	+ 3.28	-2.42	1.7
Otzar Foreign Int. Par.	182.86	182.86	+ 3.69	+ 14.87	2.3
Otzar Shares	125.88	123.66	+ 3.34	+ 10.99	6.6
Otzar Yeter	90.66	89.08	+ 1.49	+1.67	4.7
Pekan T-A 100	178.58	178.07	+ 3.21	+ 10.51	88.5
Pia 2000	100.68	98.88	+ 2.04	+8.20	23.4
Pia Bolotech T-A 100	1142.06	1121.87	+ 2.97	+ 12.46	92.6
Pia Manof	153.41	150.66	+ 3.88	+ 18.45	45.5
Pia Maof	223.84	219.89	+ 3.72	+ 12.31	101.4
Pia Michiol	908.49	892.65	+ 3.63	+ 14.95	132.7
Pia Odem	1404.47	1396.81	+ 3.35	+ 18.64	173.8
Pia Olamit	—	—	—	—	34.3
Pia Yehalom	1236.61	1214.71	+ 3.96	+ 17.05	71.1
Pia Zinuk	72.84	71.55	+ 3.01	+ 14.53	40.4
Prizа	—	—	—	—	0.6
Psagot 20	98.98	97.22	+ 4.03	—	175.1
Psagot Al	98.40	96.65	+ 6.07	+ 13.55	31.8
Psagot Focus	125.37	123.15	+ 3.99	+ 13.79	96.9
Psagot High Tech	—	—	—	—	52.5
Psagot Mabat Lashalom	154.51	151.76	+ 4.87	+ 18.98	42.2
Psagot Mensiyot	968.41	963.05	+ 3.53	+ 15.34	176.8
Psagot T-A 100	437.45	435.03	+ 3.62	+ 18.95	236.6
Psagot Yetar	211.84	207.87	+ 3.33	+ 12.48	54.8
Rasm 90	161.42	158.20	+ 4.19	+7.77	8.1
Simodan Shares & Conv.	86.82	85.44	+ 3.36	+5.25	0.6
Singer Barnea Finanacial	131.74	129.43	+ 4.34	+ 15.37	0.7
Singer Barnea Shmura	162.57	162.09	+ 3.90	+ 14.16	2.3
Tamir Fishman Tsmiha	—	—	—	—	13.7
Tsuot Sofa	168.18	167.22	+ 1.98	+ 16.43	25.2
Yaar	46.69	46.60	+ 3.67	-6.50	0.3
Zik	377.60	376.49	+ 3.44	+6.94	3.5
Zion Shares	164.70	163.75	+ 3.16	+ 10.02	3.8
Zion Yeter	99.60	99.27	+ 2.67	+4.96	5.7
STATE BONDS					
Ahrayut State Bonds	466.28	460.32	+ 1.52	+5.45	4.5
Almog Pekan	292.13	287.04	+ 4.11	+1.55	105.6
Analyst Government Bonds	416.41	411.05	+ 2.79	+4.89	30.2
Clali Dotan	1277.39	1274.48	+ 1.29	+3.30	4.8
Clali State Bonds	496.79	495.53	+ 1.41	+3.71	8.4
Dilda Marom	8534.64	8586.83	+ 2.04	+7.46	33.9
Dilda Mivtah	1814.78	1801.07	+ 2.17	+8.04	32.7
Ducas	263.16	258.57	+ 1.07	+5.51	14.0
Emda Goverment Bond	1119.74	1111.14	+ 1.90	+1.61	47.5
Emda Leshem	1501.92	1487.20	+ 2.59	+2.62	27.8
Emda Sella	1459.71	1449.27	+ 1.52	+6.42	48.8
Epsilon Gov't Bonds	217.61	216.90	+ 1.72	+9.38	15.4
Gesva	431.13	425.91	+ 2.30	+5.65	86.9
Hilla Pekan	565.30	565.30	+ 2.10	+5.87	130.8
Ilanot Egoz	1205.94	1203.82	+ 1.58	+6.56	49.6
Ilanot Gov't Bonds	2567.20	2555.16	+ 1.94	+8.62	2.9
Ilanot Tapush	699.17	696.03	+ 2.27	+2.07	30.1
Ilanot Tapuz	1133.19	1127.98	+ 2.36	+5.30	97.5
Lahak Eironi	576.84	567.00	+ 4.06	+2.04	94.2
Lahak Shahel	154.84	151.95	+ 1.89	+6.87	52.3
Lahak Shunit	722.85	710.20	+ 1.42	+6.58	90.8
Maritime Government Bond	165.68	163.42	+ 1.96	+8.92	12.8
Meitav Gov't Bonds	126.75	125.77	+ 2.80	+7.10	9.7
Melonit Pekan	124.04	121.87	+ 3.07	+3.78	17.4
Mercazit Gov't Bonds	163.27	162.10	+ 1.93	+5.70	5.7
Nessus Gov't Bonds	1441.50	1434.46	+ 1.23	+8.31	37.7
Otzar Gov't Bonds	160.45	157.89	+ 2.62	+5.32	13.5
Pia Conv' Bonds 50	259.40	258.19	+ 3.13	—	25.0
Pia Tarshish	143.77	141.23	+ 2.30	+5.34	239.0
Pia Zamid	5011.21	4923.24	+ 3.04	+5.80	153.3
Psagot Agach	625.61	614.55	+ 2.40	+9.78	50.4
Psagot Maala	458.17	454.49	+ 2.42	+6.92	51.6
Psagot Madad	595.58	586.02	+ 3.17	+5.97	80.4
Shavit Pekan	748.84	735.63	+ 2.25	+6.20	133.3
Sigma Gov't Bonds	142.99	141.24	+ 2.27	+5.20	1.1
Yaara Pekan	807.08	696.50	+ 3.34	+3.30	58.6
Yavul Pekan	779.11	777.02	+ 3.43	+5.37	145.3
Ziv	643.82	635.83	+ 2.36	+4.62	38.7
Zohar	536.89	529.98	+ 2.15	+5.49	37.5
COMPANY BONDS					
Alidm Bonds	328.78	324.63	+ 2.24	-1.95	37.8
Ahrayut Bonds	201.47	197.82	+ 2.40	+1.81	5.0
Amirim	134.57	133.57	+ 2.34	+3.13	24.2
Analyst Corporate Bonds	300.85	295.50	+ 3.09	+5.12	89.6
Analyst Money Market	163.12	162.67	+ 0.50	+7.26	15.9
Apex Tsua	148.73	148.24	+ 1.89	+ 11.48	61.4
Bloch Rotstein Bonds	172.19	169.74	+ 0.52	+8.65	14.4
Bond	166.87	165.76	+ 1.64	+2.59	9.9
Capital Bonds	162.51	161.34	+ 1.88	+8.16	11.7
Clali Company Debentures	215.90	215.30	+ 2.56	+5.20	2.9
Clali Gen' Bond Rating	106.17	105.88	+ 2.30	—	12.0
Clali Zmina	183.93	183.93	+ 0.48	+8.00	61.7
Dilda Maayan	1012.64	1005.09	+ 2.26	+7.36	51.8
Dilda Magen Plus	105.46	105.46	+ 0.39	—	353.8
Dilda Maskorot Plus	150.68	150.68	+ 0.59	+8.29	439.3
Dilda Melmad	477.89	474.13	+ 2.39	+9.58	21.5
Dilda Mirvah	835.38	830.55	+ 2.88	+3.01	23.3
Dilda Mivhar	597.25	592.89	+ 2.11	+6.38	32.0
Dilda Migvan	2125.43	2109.98	+ 2.04	+8.30	91.4
Dovrat Shrem Bonds	175.78	173.11	+ 2.41	+4.15	55.5
Emda Dynamit Magen	111.89	111.89	+ 0.52	+6.64	62.5
Emda Halamish	165.55	163.84	+ 1.79	+5.76	16.4
Emda Hamara	1180.29	1168.49	+ 3.21	+3.61	47.4
Emda Shikit	105.23	105.23	+ 0.59	+7.98	633.0
Emda Zuk	344.00	342.89	+ 2.23	+1.81	14.2
Epsilon Corp. Bonds	135.14	134.74	+ 3.45	+7.46	19.7
Epsilon Money Market	155.82	155.92	+ 0.86	+8.59	303.7
Evergreen Shkoola	163.42	162.56	+ 3.57	+5.41	28.5
Excellence Bonds	2222.36	2193.21	+ 2.53	+8.28	13.9
Eyal Corporate Bonds	155.82	155.45	+ 2.38	+3.38	4.3
Eyal Shotef	143.94	143.24	+ 0.49	+8.56	21.5
Guy	757.22	747.88	+ 2.54	+9.23	111.5
Hetz Pekan	625.48	625.48	+ 0.83	+7.33	—
I.B.I Shkalim	154.30	154.30	+ 0.86	+8.99	171.2
Igud Magen Shkafi	105.20	105.20	+ 1.38	—	25.5
Ilanot Agas	486.91	484.84	+ 2.32	+5.73	45.3
Ilanot Alon	2031.76	2011.72	+ 1.91	+5.84	41.3
Ilanot Armon	141.39	143.72	+ 1.84	+5.64	21.7
Ilanot Conv'bonds	3282.99	3265.97	+ 2.72	+4.95	8.3
Ilanot Eshel	826.24	822.18	+ 2.40	+7.32	92.6
Ilanot Etrog	1124.75	1116.84	+ 3.01	+8.25	54.5
Ilanot Muvtahat	112.14	112.14	+ 0.90	+7.84	48.1
Ilanot Oren	4303.73	4313.53	+ 2.59	+7.21	133.7
Ilanot Orion	187.97	187.04	+ 1.87	+7.55	25.7
Ilanot Rimon	561.82	561.82	+ 0.59	+8.18	—
Ilanot Shahar	245.51	244.35	+ 2.10	+5.25	31.1
Ilanot Shaked	240.85	239.73	+ 1.85	+5.00	38.0
Ilanot Shkoola	174.58	173.61	+ 1.65	+8.77	64.4
Keshet Pekan	455.33	447.29	+ 2.57	+1.58	33.7
Koor Ammar Bonds	210.07	209.58	+ 1.63	—	19.0
Lahak Conv. Bonds	248.65	248.65	+ 3.19	+3.92	76.8
Lahak Magen 95%	161.65	161.65	+ 0.75	+6.60	158.0
Lahak Yaacor	183.19	183.19	+ 0.57	+7.73	181.8
Malkarit Pekan	345.87	339.78	+ 2.72	+8.45	29.0
Meitav Corp. Conv. Bonds	158.89	155.67	+ 3.03	+8.44	10.9
Meitav Money Market	122.30	122.30	+ 0.44	+7.97	13.6
Mercazit Conv. Bonds	484.93	483.47	+ 3.84	+8.91	3.2
Models Shmura	114.25	113.08	+ 2.09	+4.82	14.3
Nessus Corporate Bonds	191.93	190.90	+ 3.25	+4.92	11.6
Otzar Shkalim	136.98	136.98	+ 0.65	+8.03	115.6
Pia Hallin	553.71	553.71	+ 0.61	+8.11	633.4
Pia Mogenet	110.37	110.37	+ 1.03	+8.14	86.9
Pia Ophir	628.78	625.49	+ 1.93	+6.24	94.9
Pia Or	1206.78	1185.57	+ 3.24	+7.52	108.2
Pia Segula	286.46	281.48	+ 2.25	+6.58	42.4
Pia Shamir	1360.02	1336.06	+ 3.67	+3.28	110.5
Pia Shkalim Adif	107.80	107.80	+ 0.82	+8.27	—
Pia Truta	397.24	390.26	+ 2.49	+6.22	26.9
Pia Yozma	242.28	237.98	+ 3.73	+3.19	25.8
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	LAST	CHANGE*
Africa Hotels	490	-2
Africa Israel 0.1	21400	-0.5
Africa Israel 1	191000	-2
Agis	2470	-3.5
Al Paper Mills	13000	-3.1
Al-Rov	2600	-0.8
Azorim	3050	-1.6
Azorim Prop.	720	0
Bank Leumi 0.1	705	-2.8
Baran	2960	-1.3
Bayside 1 I	46100	-3.7
Bayside 5	216000	-1.2
Bezeq	1285	-1.6
Blue Square	3270	-1.7
Bromine	3150	-4.1
Ciel Electronics	59000	-1.2
Ciel Industries	2120	-2.4
Ciel Insurance	4020	-2.2
Ciel Israel 1	10040	-2.8
Dan Hotels	1119	-3.5
Danbor	2200	0
Darban	916	-0.9
Dead Sea Works 0.1	977	-3
Delek 0.1	11700	-3.4
Delek Car	707	-1.8
Development Mort	24400	0
Discount Bank	482	-3
Discount Inv.	12300	-2.4
Elbit 0.003	945	1.8
Elbit imaging	3030	-3.3
Elbit system	4670	-3.3
Elco	1951	2.9
Elco Industries	3470	0
Electra	19130	4.3
Electra App	2600	1.2
Elite Ind. 1	2920	0
Elite Ind. 5	11540	-1.8
Elron 0.003	6480	-3.6
FIBI 5	3450	-3.8
First Int'l 1	475	-8.9
First Int'l 5	2430	-8.2
First Int'l Mort	52200	-1.5
Formula	11580	-4.9
General Bank	10690	0
Granit Hacarmel	722	-1.2
Hadarom Prop.	6400	-3.9
Ham-Lel	1980	-5.5
Hapoalim 0.1	1057	-4.2
Harel Mishmar 1	3600	0
Harel Mishmar 5	17700	2
I.D.B. Dev.	8910	-3.8
I.D.B. Holdings	9580	-4.3
IDC	2240	-1.7
Ind Bldgs	600	-3.7
Israel Chemicals	460	-2.6
Israel Corp. 1	29600	-2.4
Isrotel	700	0
Jetons	814	0.4
JET	38.1	0.5
JEC	1921	-2.5
Kfar	358	1.1
Knafaim	5110	-2.2
Koor	42400	-2.6
Leader	1290	-6.2
Leumi Insurance	228	-3.1
Leumi Mortgage	83400	0
Lidaz	3780	-3.2
Makhteshim-Agan Ind.	1102	-4
Matman	650	0
Metalo	4530	-2.4
Mishkolit	13950	-0.1
Mol Eden	1657	0
Mollaseron	1194	-4
Menorah Ins. 1	2160	0
Millemor	1569	-0.1
Mishkan	99700	-1.9
Mizrahi Inv.	10000	-3
NATSVA REGULAR	1480	-2.6
Nice Systems	12510	-8.4
Ocif	7790	-0.6
Orbit	1180	-9.7
Ormat Industries	588	-3
Osem Industries	1853	-3.5
Petrochemicals	2080	-2.4
Phoenix Ins. 1	5750	-2.8
Poalim Inv.	12200	-3.4
Prop & Bldg	34000	-2.1
Saif Industries	2100	-1.9
Solel Bone.	4670	-2.4
Supersol	1205	-3.6
Tadiran	13910	-2.9
Tambour	525	-1.8
Telefoni	20760	-1
Tempo	1800	2.5
Teva	13290	-3.5
Urdan	266	-0.4
Wes and Cables	1100	-2.5
Ytong Industries	913	-3

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	LAST	CHANGE*
Boulous GD	398	5
Solomon Holdings	422	-3
Abjac	1.9	0
Abudi	44.1	0
Ace-Spade	92.5	0
Ackerstein Bond B	177	0
Ackerstein ind.	529	-2.1
Ackerstein Zvi 1	1810	1.2
Ackerstein Zvi 5	7800	0
adakom	36.5	0
Adenim	387763	-1
Adler	118	0
Adshe	143.5	0
Advumim	208	0
Africa Hotels Bond B	95.8	-1.4
Africa Hotels Warrant 2	61	0
Africa Israel Hotels Bond A	137.5	0.1
Afsek Ind	1090	0
Agis Warrant 3	25	0
Agis Warrant 4	509	-9.8
Agrash Int'l	378	0
Agri Investments	574	0
Al-Ben	113	-5
Al-Ben Bond A	113	0.4
Alfie c2	101	1.8
Alfie w6	158	-7.8
Alliance	688	0
Aloni	311	0
Alony-Hetz	538	0.4
Alony-Hetz Bond A	246	0.4
Alrod	175.5	0
Alrod Warrant 1	2.5	-50
Alrov Bond D	81.9	0
Alrov Warrant 5	343	0
Alumir	229	5.2
Alumot	1917	0.5
Amagar	178	0
Amitec	234	-0.4
Ammell Warrant 1	36	0
Amnir	650	0
Ampa Investments	177000	0
Anshyei EMG	937	-10
Angel Trade	39	0
Angel Trade Bond A	146	0.3
Angel Trade Bond B	109.5	0.9
Angel Trade Bond C	58	0
Apcon	980	-2
Apcon warrant 1	300	-5
Applicom	3550	-2.5
Aracell Warrant 2	515	0
Arad	1530	0
Arad Towels	922	0.5
Aradim	74	0
Aradim Bond 1	941	0.4
Argamon	268	0
Arkadan	1097	2
Arpal	349	0
Aryt	122	-3.3
Ashkelon Plywood	530	0
Ashkelon Plywood Bond 1	347	0
Ashkelon Plywood Bond 2	126.5	0.4
Ashkod	383	-1.5
Ashkod Bond A	157	0
Ashod	308	-4.2
Ashot Bond A	165	0
Ashpaim	79	0
Ashorom Bond 1	175	0.3
Ashorom Bond 2	152.5	1
Ashorom Ind.	530	6.4
Ashtrom Prop.	223	0
Asrom P Bond 1	90.8	0
Astrom p warrant a	25.2	0
Astrum Bond C	97	0
Astrum Warrant 2	26.2	-2.3
Astron	76	-3.8
Atmor	2370	-2.5
ATX	198.5	-0.5
ATX Bond A	153	-1
Atzmon	226	0
Aura	3840	-3.1
Avarot	420	0
Avarot Bond A	163.2	1.3
Avebuch Formica	549	0
Avliv	346	0
Avni Bond 1	155.5	0
Avni Bond 2	92	0.5
Avnor	2.3	0
Avrot Bond 2	85.5	0.5
Avrot Warrant 2	75	0
Ayalon	461	0
Azimuth	489	0
Azorim Properties Bond 3	171.5	-5.9
Azorim Warrant 13	459	0
Azorim Warrant 5	100.5	0
Azorim Warrant A	699	0
Azorim Warrant B	530	-4.3
Badash Bond 1	35.1	2.9
Balad	420	0
Balemine 1	150	0
Balemine Bond A	130	0
Balemine Warrant 2	6.9	0
Balnor	2800	3.2
Bama leaf	95.2	0
Bama leaf Bond A	144	0
Bar	327	-0.6
Bar Bond A	127.5	0.4
Barad	257	0
Baranowitz	788	0
Barkan	675	0
Barsol	120	10.1
Bartal	249	0
Baumel Moshe	163.5	0
BaySide Bond 2	82.5	0.5
BaySide Warrant D	2510	0
Beit Shemesh	1701	-2
Belmon	575	-0.5
Ben Yakar Bond A	188	0.6
Ben Yakar Bond B	81.5	0
Ben Yakar Gat	3347	-0.2
Berl Yakar Gat	182	-0.5
Berman	132.5	0
Bezek Bond 3	2900	0
Bezek Bond 4	0	0
Bezek Warrant 3	375	-4.8
Bezek Warrant Bond 3	1900	0
Bilu	190	0
Bilu Bond A		
Binar	400	0
Biri	254	0.6
Bokos Bond B	80.5	-3
bokos gad warrant 1	48.4	

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Bonel Tichon	605	0
Bonjour	457	0
Boulous Brothers	157.9	-0.4
Boulous Brothers Bond 1	263	0
Boulous GD Bond A	138	0.7
Brand	86.5	0
Brill	52	-2.4
Brok Skle	16.7	-0.6
Brosh	121.5	-0.8
Building Bank	1725	0
Building Resou.	3900	0
C Holdings	570	0
C Holdings Bond 5	85	0
C Holdings Warrant 3	1.5	0
Caesarea 1	4900	0
Canlel	3720	0
Capital	810	0
Capital Bond A	120	0
Caprice	331	-6.6
Cargal	840	0
Carmel	560	0
Carmlal	432	0
Castro	536	0
Castelana 1	343	0
CDI	172	0
Cementacel Bond A	76.6	-0.1
Cementacel	475	-1.1
Centre	142.5	0
Centre Bond 1	134	2.3
Cham	501	0
Cheyun Computers	151.5	0
Chemipol	435	-2
Chim-Nir	531	0
CI Systems	170	-2.9
Cidelo	148	0
Ciel Computers	9900	0.1
Ciel Israel 5	0	0
Ciel Retail	54044	0
Cohen Beni	123.5	0
Cohen Dev.	212	0
Cohen Mtil	156	-3.1
Cold Storage 1	2000	7.1
Cold Storage 5	9500	-2
Cold Storage and Supply Bond 1	255	0
Comps	153.8	-3.4
Compl Warrant 1	20	0
Computlis	187.5	0
Comtech	427	0
Comtrans	782	0
Contel	1050	2.9
Concactors	18812	0
Coral Beach	595	-3.3
Credit Line	3.4	0
Credit Lines Bond A	33	0
Cyclone 1	2450	4.7
Cyclone Bond 1	250	0
Cyclone Bond 2	151	0
Datron	1729	0
Datron Bond 1	247	0
Dalin	1.4	0
Dan Rent-A-Car	838	0
Dan Rent-A-Car Bond A	162.8	0.5
Danbar 1	4930	-1.4
Danber 5	19800	0
Danbar Bond A	271	0
Danbar Resources	7600	0
Danber Resources Bond B	167.5	-0.2
Danber Tech.	5970	0
Danbar Technologies Bond A	151	0
Daniel	52	0
Daniel Bond A	87	0
Danel Personnel	2300	-3
Danel Warrant 2	459	9
Dankner Bond 1	214	0
Dankner Bond 2	136	0
Dankner Bond 3	99	0
Dankner Warrant C	600	-7.7
Danly	515	10
Darad	700	0
DARBAN BOND 2	104	-0.1
Darban Bond A	268	0
DARBAN W2	228	-1.3
Darban Warrant 3	153	0
Darea	127	1.2
Darlon	198.5	2.6
Dash Investment	985	-0.5
Data	571	0.5
Decision Systems	529	-2.1
Degem Systems	508	1.6
Delek Drillings	12.8	2.3
Delek Oil	1378	0
Delta 1	4050	-0.7
Delta 3	11710	0
Destiny	1390	0
Digal	136	10.1
Dirom1	1290	1.2
Dolev	346	-8.4
Dolev Bond A	133.5	0
Dolev warrant 1	43	0
Domicar	405	0
Domicar Bond	157.5	0.6
Dor Berger	405	1.5
Dor Chim	3395	0.8
Dorc w1	110	0
Dorsa	66	0
Dori c1	89	0.5
Dori Engineering	432	0
Dori Engineering Bond A	138	0.7
Dorsal Bond A	142.3	1
Dorsal Shrem	1450	-2.7
Dorsal Shrem Warrant 3	10	0
DSI	1019	0
Dubek M	2.9	11.5
Dubek S	2.8	12
Dunez	291	0
DYG Industries	446	-7.3
E & M Computing	1126	2.3
Edgar Alzarz	62	0
Edgar Industries	194	0.5
Edgar Ind. Bond C	86.2	-0.8
Edgar Inv. Warrant 5	24.5	-3.7
Elbar Bond A	98	0
Elnl	168	0
Elsem	298	0
Elronson	3500	0
El Bad	1980	0
El Cenli	643	0.5
El Cenli Bond 1	159	0.6
Elad	539	0
Elad Bond A	169	0
Elad Bond B	148	1
Elad c3	77	0.6
Elad w5	29	17.2
Elbit Computers Bond B	123.5	-0.4
Elbit Computers Warrant 2	490	-11.6
Eldan Tech.	222	0
Electronics Line	547	0
Elgar	4950	0
Elishar	501	0
Elitech Ind.	1162	-0.7
Elkom	345	0
Ella	393	0
Ella Bond A	143	1.1
Elron	3820	-0.8
Elron Warrant 2	2618	0.5
Emek	140	0
Empla	732	1.3
Engel Const.	740	0.1
ESE	2050	0.5
Eshed Robotech	180	-6.9
Even	405	-2.2
Evergreen	3270	0
Evrois Warrant 1	1550	8.6
Excellence	1741	0
Export Inv.	836	-3.9
Extra	98.5	0
Feldman	168	0
Feldman Bond A	145.2	0
Feldman Ind.	279	0
Feldman Warrant 3	26.8	0
Fertilisers 1	121.5	2.1
Feuchtwenger 1	10920	-2.9
Feuchtwenger 5	54200	-0.9
Fibi61	2468	0
Five J Jewelers	303	1
Five J Jewelers Bond 2	129	0
Formica Source	122	0
Frutarom	396	-3.8
Gaheller	17000	-2.4
Galoom	208	0
Galram	1169	0
Gama	180.5	-1.9
Gamatronic	582	0
Gambit	1702	-1
Gan Shmuel Bond A	136	0
Gan Shmuel Warrant 3	780	-8.4
Gan Shmuel	1780	-2.2
Ganel Hadar	420	0
Gap Development	110	-4.5
Gap Holdings	236	0
Gap Warrant 2	7	-28.8
Gazit	679	0
Gazit Bond B	147.5	0
Gazit Bond C	120	0
Gibor Bond 1	65	0
Gibor Bond A	88.5	1.1
Gibor Sabrina	82	0
Gibor Sport	650	0
Gibor Warrant 2	87	10.3
Gilboa	77	0
Gillo	185	0
Gilisk	1880	1.6
Givot Olam Oil	70	2.1
Glob Rit	726	-8.1
Golan	615	0
Gold	413	0
Golden House	409	0
Golden House Bond 1	254	0.4
Golex	189.5	0
Grand Bond	150	0
Granit Bond 2	150.1	-1.1
Green Software	453	0
Greenberg	1608	-5.7
H. Electronics	55	-0.9
H. Mor	900	-8.9
Habas	2435	0
Habasit Bond 1	132	0.4
Hadar 1	50000	0
Hadar 5	75000	0
Hadar Ins. 1	945	-2.6
Hadar Ins. 5	3680	-4.8
Hadarim Bond1	114.8	0
Hadarim Warrant1	1347	0
Hagal	371	0
Hagal Bond B	155	0
Hamashor	307	-3.2
Hanel	5	-4
Harel Bond A	480	2.1
Hasin Esh	685	-0.4
Hasun	180	3.2
Hatchof 1	275	0
Hatchof Bond A	146	0
Hayal	1200	3.8
Hayal Bond1	11.1	0
Hayal Bond2	140	0
Hayal Warrant 1	84.2	0.1
Hed Arzi Music	400	-7
Hilron 1	12000	0
Hiron 5	43500	0
HL Service Bond 2	184.5	0
HL Service Bond 3	147	0.9
HL Services	1382	0
Hod	154	0
Hol	706	0
Hofit	116	0
Home Center	7400	7.3
Hydrotics	723.5	0
IES Industries	516	0
IES Warrant 1	100	0
Ilan Gat	115.5	0
Ilan Gat Bond A	148.5	0.3
Ilan Gat Bond	282	-1.1
ILDC Bond 6	597	0
ILDC Hotels	171.2	0
ILDC Hotels Bond 1	143	-10.5
ILDC Hotels Warrant 2	455	0
ILDC Insurance	139.9	1.4
ILDC Insurance Bond A	1038	0
Imco	45	-8
Ind Bld Warrant 3	22.2	-12.6
Ind Bldgs R1	308	1
Ind.Dev.Bank C	3110	0
Ind.Dev.Bank CC	3110	0
Ind.Dev.Bank CC 1		

	LAST	CHANGE*
Ind.Dev.Bank Pref	1763	-0.1
Independence Mort	85000	-2.4
Intercoema	774	0
Intergamma 1	3540	0
Intergamma 5	13000	0
Iscal	1700	0
Ispro	4210	-2.1
Isracolor	465	0
Israel Corp. 5	131500	0
Israel Lighteage Bond 3	136.5	0
Israel Wire & Cables Bond C	176.1	2
Israbon	1049	0
Israbon Bond B	298	0
Israbon Bond C	99	1.1
Issamco	2.5	-8
Israe 1	7190	0
Israe 5	29100	0
Israe Bond A	246	0
ISTA LINES	2500	8
Itay	2550	0
Itay Bond 1	77.5	0.8
Itay Warrant 1	290	-44.2
Itay Warrant 2	45	0
Jefora Bond A	180	0
Jaysour	137	0
Jaysour Bond A	104	0
JEC Bond B	96	0
Jerusalem Mort	219	0
Jerusalem Mortgage Bond 16	162.5	0
Jeunesse	30.2	0
JOEL	88	-2.3
JOEL Bond 1A	218	0
JOEL Bond 2	124	-0.8
JOEL Bond A	218	0
JOEL Warrant 3	1.3	-15.4
Kadmanf	153	-9.2
Kadoun	354	-0.3
katrice bond b	88.5	1.6
katrice warrant 1	80	0
Katrit	1325	0
Kalkalit Bond A	96	-0.1
Kalkalit warrant 2	311	-4.8
Kamour	587	2
Kamour Bond G	130.1	0
Kamsept	1180	0
Kanal Warrant G	1	0
Kanicol	30.7	0
Kanicol Bond A	40	0
Kardan 1	543	0
Kardan 5	2620	0
Katz	126	0
Katz Bond A	84	0
Kadem Chemicals	4000	0
Kedem Chemicals Bond 2	0	0
Kenitex	341	0
Kashter	700	0
Kesher Bond A	151.5	0
Keter	650	0.2
Kind	21.8	-9.9
Kind Bond A	64	-5.2
King	274	1.1
Kinnerat	227	0
Kisch Kinr	191.5	-2
Kishrel Teufa	1120	0
Kitat	229	0
Kitat Bond A	152	0
Kitat Bond A	118.2	0.2
Klf Ind. 5	6300	-0.8
Koor Bond 5	151.2	-1.7
Kopel	239	1.7
Kopel Bond 1	244	0
La Nationale Bond A	139	0
La Nationale Pref	143	9.1
Lachish	3380	0
Lamont	800	0
Lapidot Oil Exploration	1	0
Lapidot Oil Explorers	75	0
Lasers	430	0
Laviav	592	0
Lazniek Bldg	492	0
Lazniek Comm Cos	163	0
Lazniek Commercial Centres Bond	128	0
Lazniek Ind Bldgs	240	0
Lazniek Industrial Bldgs. Bond A	140.4	0.2
Leader Warrant B	3.6	2.9
Lego	480	0
Leumi R4	0	0
Leventhal	414	0
Levi	725	0
Levi Bond A	144.5	1
Levi Bond B	88.9	0.7
Levi Warrant 2	76	0
Levinstein Bond A	97	-0.5
Levinstein Warrant 2	816	0
Lewinstein	1540	0
Liber	346	-0.6
Lidan	1350	-3
Lishir 1	173.8	0
Lifster 5	602	0
Ligad	748	0
Ligad Bond 1	151.5	1
Ligisage 1	500	0
LIMS	245	0
Lipman	2710	-5.2
Lipski	2520	-3.8
Lipski Bond A	170.4	0.2
Liraz Bond A	157	0
Lodan	164	0
Lodzia 1	1404	0
Lodzia 4	5585	10
Luhot Gafi	324	0
Luhot Gafi Bond 1	139.5	-2.1
Lumir	3650	0
Ma'ariv	3100	-1
Ma'ariv Bond A	147	1.4
Maabarot	1180	-3.8
Maapel	635	-1.1
Maapel Bond A	139.8	0.3
Maapel Bond B	115.1	1.7
Magnell-Bond C	79.6	-1.1
Magnell Warrant 3	65.2	0
Mail	390	0
Magam	149.5	0
Magam Bond A	168	0.3
Magam Bond B	128	0.8
Magav	131.5	0
Magma	41	2.8
Magor 1	2080	0
Magor 5	10500	0
Magor hldgs. Bond B	82.1	0
Magor hldgs. Warrant 2	565	0
Maiel	225	-1.1
Maiz	424	-10
Malibu 1	0	0
Malibu 5	0	0
Malibu Bond B	0	0
Malis	780	0
Man	88	0
Man Bond A	216	9.5
Mantur	26.2	-1.9
Marathon	102.2	5.1
Marathon insured	107.8	4.5
Mario Lazniek Constr. Bond 1	170	0
Mario Lazniek Constr. Bond 2	151.5	0
Maritime Bank	1480	-2.6
Maritime Bank Bond A	199	0
Maritime Bank Bond B	145	0.6
Mashav	864	0
Mashbir	736	0
Mashov	375	-0.3
Mashov	162.5	-4.1
Matam	1271	0
Matav Warrant 1	1135	-11.7
Maxima 1	945	0
Maxima 5	1574	0
Maxpell	725	-1.4
Med. Hotels	28.3	-0.4
Medtechnica	727	-1.7
Medtechnica Bond A	134	0
Medtechnica Bond B	84.9	2.2
Medtechnica Warrant 2	165	0
Mediterranean Hotels Bond A	52.5	-0.9
Megason	57.5	0
Meimad	381	0
Meir Ezra	2250	2.2
Meir Ezra Bond B	253	0.4
Melel	294	0
Melisaron Bond B	94.2	0.2
Melisaron Warrant 3	44	0
Menyelson	215	0
Menpfim	37.1	0
Menorah Ins. 5	8640	2.7
Mercavit	920	0
Merhav	196.2	0
Meyavit	313	-0.6
Middle East Tube	400	0
Middle East Tube Bond A	110.2	0.3
Middle East Tube Warrant 2	21.8	0
Milmor Bond A	141	-2.5
Milomer Bond B	83.9	0.2
Milomer Warrant 2	150	20
Minastr	105	0
Mini Line	560	0
Minrav	14290	0
Mirage	253	0
Mirage Bond A	137.7	0
Mirage Warrant 1	18.5	0
Miromit	60	0
Mishmoel	19	0
Mishmad Bond B	58	0
Mishor Bond 2	148	0.6
Mishor Hahol	379	0
Mitsanit	1695	0
Mivtach Shamir	2510	1.6
Mivtach Shamir	1401	0
Mizrahi	870	-2.8
Mizrahi warrant 1	390	-5.1
Mizrahi warrant 2	196	-9.7
MM Engineering	133.5	0
MM Engineering Bond A	103	-0.5
Modgal	700	0
Modi'in	1	0
Mofet	214	-4.7
Mofet Convertible Bond AAA	310	0
Molek	724	10
More Plastic Ind.	389	0
Moshkovitz	186	0
MTI Computers	491	-12.2
Mul-T-Lock	829	1.3
Mula Senter	223	0
Nachelton Fund	50.5	0
Naphtha	34	-1.8
Naphtha Oil Exp.	25.8	3.2
Nataur	700	0
NATSVA BOND A	109.7	0.4
Navigator	366	0
Navigator Property	753	0
Nechushtan Bond B	81.9	2.4
Nechushtan Prop.	198.9	0
Nechushtan Properties Bond A	133	0
Nechushtan Warrant 1	26.5	0
Negev Ceramics	180	-2.7
Nehushtan 1	660	1.7
Nehushtan 5	2580	0
Neot Aviv	7200	0
Nesua	483	-1.5
Neve Arbel	132.5	0
Nevilm Hotels	365	0
Newot	730	1.4
Nia	233	0
Nikuv	1150	0
Nisco	3050	0
Nissan	273	3.8
NMC	304	0
Noga	1500	-8.7
Noga Insorent	118	0
Nordan	10.9	0
Nordan Tech.	380	0.3
Norfolk	670	0
Norfolk Bond A	145	3.1
Nur	63	0
NYP	924	0
Oceana	282	0
Ocif Bond A	180	0.3
Ocif Bond C	90	-0.1
Ocif Warrant 2	723	0
Octava	633	0.5
Ofek	229	-0.4
Oler Bro	6080	3.9
Olfis	1180	-0.7
Ogdan	61	0
Ohallav	569	10.1
Oil Fields	1	0

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Ofa-Dek	282	0
Osnl	285	0
Omnitech	168.3	0
Ophir	395	0
Oppenheimer	88	0
Optima	122	-2
Orasys	2911	0
Orazil	350	0
Orazil Bond A	159	0
Orda	3970	-3.8
Orda Bond 1	184	0
Orav	882	-2
Oreli	136	4.6
Orlev	335	4.5
Orlite Bond A	90.5	1.7
Orlate Warrant 2	42	0
Ormat Industries Bond D	127.1	0
Ormat Industries Warrant 5	185	0
Orlal	380	0
Otzar Hashilton	27300	-0.7
Oz	220	0
Oz sade	420	0
Packer Steel	6060	0
Pallough	589	-3.6
PAM	806	0.3
Parma	690	5.9
Parnas	2750	0
Pan Dor	250	0
Pardes	711	0
Pardes Bond A	58	-3.3
Passport	2280	0
Paz Chen	459	0
PCB	1809	-2.2
Pdan Investment	464	-1.1
Perog	90	0
Perolisae	785	-2.5
Phoenix Ins. 5	20300	-8.4
Plcs Plast	480	0
Pinros	130.5	0
Pinros Bond A	143.5	1.4
Pitkit	473	-0.4
Plason bond a	100	-0.8
Plason warrant 1	480	0
Plasson	4000	0
Plasto Sac	750	0
Plasto Sheck Bond A	91	0
Plasto Sheck Warrant 2	104	8.7
Poalim Inv Bond B	94.5	0
Poalim Inv. Warrant 3	2730	0
Poalim Investments Bond A	138	-0.7
Poalim Warrant 3	0	0
Point of Sale	2320	-7.8
Polak	274	0
Polgat A	317	-0.9
Polgat B 4	1100	-4.5
Polgat Bond B	0	0
Polygon	257	-1.9
Polygon Bond 2	221	0
Porat	255	-3.9
Port	80.5	0
Posedon	128.9	-0.1
Pri Haemek	20	2.6
Pri Haemek Bond A	33.7	1.2
Pritzker	230	5
Pritzker Bond A	145.5	1
Profit	302	0
Profit Bond A	131	0.8
Python	500	0
Quality Cap Mkts	581	0.9
Rahmlav	212	0
Ram Zur	88	0
Ramgor 1	283	0
Ramgor 4	695

	LAST	CHANGE*
Telecom Corp	37.6875	-1.1875
Telefonas de Mex	42.8125	-0.5625
Telef De Espana	139.625	-4.9375
Temple Inland	50.75	-1.375
Tenneco	34.5625	-0.3125
Tenet Health	26.5	-0
Tentofyne	31.9375	-1.4375
Tesoro Pet	16.1875	-0.3125
Texaco	59	+2.75
Texas Instrmnts	58.5625	-2.4375
Texas Utilities	39.75	-0.1875
Textron	67	-4.0625
Thiokol	-	-
Thomas & Betts	40.8125	-0.8125
ThreeCom	27.375	-0.6875
Time Warner	89.875	-0.875
Times-Mirror	62.375	-0.5
Timken	22.0625	-0.75
Torchmark	39.9375	-0.4375
Tosco Corp	25.25	+0.0625
Toys R Us	20.875	-0.9375
Transamerica	117.625	-1.3125
Transco Energy	60.625	-0.3125
Travellers Grp	58.75	-2.8125
Tribune	66.625	-0.3125
Triton Energy	16.75	-0.5
TWA	7.5	-0.3125
Tyco Int Ltd	59.375	-0.875
Tyler	8.625	-0.6875
UAL Corp	70.4375	-2.3125
USG Corp	47.8125	-1.4375
UST Inc	25.5	-0.0625
USX Marathon	30.75	-1.1875
USX-US Steel	25.3125	-0.625
Ultramar Diam	26.5	-0.125
Unicom Corp	34.0625	-0.0625
Unilever PLC	38.0625	-0.4375
Unilever NV	56.875	-0.25
Union Camp	41.5625	-0.6875
Union Carbide	46.9375	-0.25
Union Pacific	40.125	-0.1875
Unisys Corp	24.8125	-0.5625
USAIR Group	59.25	-1.75
USF&G Corp	-	-
US Home	35.9375	-1.125
US Surgical	44.5	-0.53125
US Trust	74.25	-2.4375
US West	50.4375	-0.5
United Tech	87.6875	-2.9375
Unocal Corp	30.5625	-0.8125
VF Corp	45.5	-0.0625
VIMRX Pharmaceutic	0.96875	+0.03125
Valero Energy	22.4375	-0.25
Vanan Assoc	35.75	-0.625
Viacom Inc	59	-3.5
Vishay	13.4375	-0.625
Vulcan Materials	118.625	-2.8125
Wachovia	81.625	-0.375
Walgreen	45.1875	-0.0625
Wal-Mart Stores	64	+0.9375
Warner-Lambert	72.5625	-1.0625
Wash Gas Light	23.5	-0.75
Washington Mutu	37	-0.4375
Washington Post	523.188	-7.3125
Waste Mgmt Inc	53.3125	-1.625
Watkins-Johnson	22.6875	-1.125
Wells Markets	34.9375	-0.09375
Wells Fargo	328	-5.3125
Wendy's Intl	21.4375	-0.3125
Westvaco	23.8125	-0.8125
Weyerhaeuser	39.6875	-1.375
Whirlpool	57.4375	-2.75
Whitman	19.9375	-0.375
Williams Co	29.1875	-0.625
Winn Dixie Stos	38.5625	-0.09625
Woolworth	13.4375	+0.25
World Comm	49.6875	0
Worthington Ind	13.625	-0.375
Wrigley	86.25	-1.25
Xerox	101.063	-0.9375
Yahoo	91.375	-2.625
Yellow Freight	15.25	-0.1875
Zero Co	-	-

LONDON

Allied Domecq	552	-24.5
BAT Inds	615	-22.5
BT	305	-13
BTR	158.5	-1.75
Barclays	1514	-66
Bass	955	-43
Boots	970	-35
British Airways	508	-50
Comm Union plc	1045	-80
Diageo	668	-27
General Electric	462	-15
Glaxo	1733	-44
Halifax	678	-27
HSBC (75p shs)	1260	-92
ICI	680	-38
Land Securities	865	+17.5
Lloyds Bank	730	-35.5
Marks & Spencer	492	-6.5
NatWest Bank	1105	-48
Prudential	792	-21
Reuters	580	+4
Sainsbury	494	-15.5
Shell Transport	347.75	-18
Tyco Intl	3800	-50
Unilever	578	-7.5
Zeneca	2177	-69

PARIS

Accor	1477	-65
Air Liquide	857	-25
Alcatel Alsthom	1098	-58
Euro Disney	10.15	-0.35
Moulinex	129.1	-2.4
Paribas	583	-20
Pernod Ricard	400	-5
Peugeot	1047	-73
Saint Gobain	940	-61

	LAST	CHANGE*
FRANKFURT		
Bayer	73	-2.2
Daimler-Benz	175.2	-3.8
Lufthansa	43.1	-3.1
Mannesmann	178.3	-0.8
Metallgesellschaft	34.1	-2.2
Volkswagen	141	-12.5

SOURCE: S&P COMSTOCK (DATE 11-AUG-98)

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

	Last	Change
Sal (Basket) (1)	3.9214	0
U.S. Dollar (1)	3.684	0
British Pound (1)	6.0151	0
Deutsch Mark (1)	2.0621	0
French Franc (1)	0.6148	0
Japanese Yen (100)	2.498	0
Swiss Franc (1)	2.4579	0
Canadian Dollar (1)	2.4209	0
Italian Lira (1000)	2.0902	0
Jordanian Dinar (1)	5.2129	0

NEW YORK MARKET INDEXES

	Last	Change
DJ Industrials	8462.85	-112
DJ Transport	3035.63	-47.5
DJ Utils	274.72	-1.95
DJ Comp	2659.25	-34.21
NYSE Industr	554.22	-8.21
NYSE Transport	442.16	-8.75
NYSE Comp	537.95	-7.77
S&P 100	526.24	-6.21
S&P Spot Index	1068.96	-14.16

OTHER MARKET INDEXES

	Last	Change
FTSE 100	5432.8	-154.8
Tokyo Nikkei	15406.9	-219.5
Singapore all-share index	-	-
Hong Kong Hang Seng Index	6779.9	-254.7
Paris CAC 40	3845.98	-93.47
DAX	5476.25	-104.97
Madrid	878.86	-13.54
Sydney	2561.1	-36.3
Milan	1477.83	-8.69

DOLLAR CROSSRATES (US)

	Last	Change
Pound: spot	1.6304	-0.0046
Sep.future (CME)	1.6286	-0.0038
D-mark: spot	1.7815	-0.0031
Sep.future (CME)	0.5628	-0.0015
S-franc: spot	1.49	-0.0075
Sep.future (CME)	0.6738	+0.0025
Yen: spot	147.27	+1.03
Sep.future (CME)	0.006319	-5.6e-005
CanDlr: spot	1.5221	+0.0038
Sep.future (CME)	0.6574	-0.0023
AusDlr: spot	0.593	+0.0032
Sep.future (CME)	0.5942	-0.0056
F-franc: spot	5.9725	+0.0185
It Lira: spot	1757	+2
Ntg: spot	2.0087	+0.0025
AusStrig: spot	12.53	-0.0003
Rand: spot	6.35	+0.055
ECU: spot	1.1067	-0.0013

US COMMODITIES

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Sep) (CEC)	1548	-19
Coffee (Sep) (CEC)	124.45	-6.75
Wheat (Sep) (CBOT)	253.75	-2.25
Soybean (Sep) (CBOT)	543	+4.5
Sugar (Oct) (CEC)	9.05	-0.01
Orange juice (Sep)(CEC)	106.8	0
Crude Oil (Sept)(NYMEX)	12.76	0
Bonds Sep.future	124.25	+0.375
S and P Sep.future	1070	-18.5

LONDON COMMODITIES

	Last	Change
Cocoa (Sep) (LCE)	1062	-15
Coffee (Sep) (LCE)	1618	-60
Brent crude oil (Sep)(IPE)	1164	-28

SPOT MARKET METALS (US)

	Last	Change
Silver: spot	5.19	-0.14

NEW YORK METAL FUTURES

	Last	Change
Gold (Dec)	288	-3.3
Silver (Sep)	5.178	-0.132
Platinum (Oct)	377.1	-4.4
Palladium (Sep)	292	-2.5
High-grade copper (Sep)	0.7185	-0.013

LONDON METAL FIXES

	Last	Change
Gold AM fix	284.5	-1.7
Gold PM fix	285.6	+0
Silver fix	286.2	+0

Month in parentheses signals contract exp. date
(Spot market listings are from approximately 23:30 Israel time. All others are closing quotes.)

SOURCE: S&P COMSTOCK (DATE 11-AUG-98)

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All bourses fall on Asian woes

Tel Aviv

Stocks on the TASE fell yesterday, on concern Asia's economic woes would reduce Israeli companies' export earnings.

Shares in NICE Systems, the exporter of voice and fax archiving systems, dropped 7.74 percent to NIS 125.10, pushing the Maof Index of 25 largest companies down 3.06 percent to 333.56. All 25 companies fell.

Analysts said investors were concerned Asia's recession would trigger a slump in global demand and reduce earnings in the country's biggest exporters.

Asia's trouble "is liable to hurt Israeli companies that export if the recession continues," said Ilan Doron, the head trader at Solid Financial Markets Ltd.

Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., which is the nation's largest drugmaker and exports about half of its products to the US, fell 3.42 percent to NIS 132.90.

Clal Electronic Industries Ltd., a holding company with interests in technology exporters, fell 2.3 percent to 21.20.

Also falling was First International Bank of Israel Ltd. Shares in the country's fifth-largest bank by assets dropped 5.81 percent to NIS 24.30 after it said second-quarter net income fell 24.87 percent on higher costs associated with the start of the nation's third credit-card provider.

Profit for the second quarter fell to NIS 41.592m. ($11.55m.), or NIS 8.29 a share, from NIS 11.03m., or NIS 11.03 a share.

Asia

Japan's benchmark stock index fell for a seventh day, as declines in equity markets across Asia threatened to compound Japan's domestic economic woes.

Banks such as Sanwa Bank Ltd. paced the fall on concern increasing defaults on loans to Asian borrowers will only add to an already crushing burden of soured debt.

"Foreigners are very skeptical about Japan in general and are selling Japan as part of Asia," said Christophe Aurand, senior portfolio manager at Taiyo Life Gamma Asset Management Ltd., which handles $4.2 billion in securities. "And quite a lot of [domestic] corporations are giving up hope and are dumping bank shares." The benchmark Nikkei 225 stock index fell 219.43 points, or 1.40 percent, to 15,406.99. That's its lowest since June 29 and its first seven-day string of losses since February 1996. The broader Topix index of all issues on the first section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange fell 20.21 points, or 1.67 percent. An estimated 464 million shares traded on the first section, surpassing the six-month daily average of 418 million shares for the first time in almost three weeks.

Nikkei 225 index futures traded in Osaka fell 200 points to 15,350, while those in Singapore dropped 210 to 15,385. Losers outpaced gainers by 952 to 189 on the first section.

Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia, Philippine, Indonesia and Thai equity markets all sank.

"Japan weakness and Asian weakness are part of a vicious cycle," said Stephen Milch, international strategist at Rothschild Australia Asset Management which handles AS50 million in Japanese equities. "But, at the forefront are local issues and in Japan that's the banking crisis and the recession." The Economic Planning Agency lowered its assessment of the economy in its August report, for the first time since March, saying it's "slowing" after describing it as "at a standstill" in July.

Europe

UK stocks fell, as the benchmark index posted its biggest one-day decline in almost eight months and slid to a six and a half-month low. Banks led decliners on concern Asia's worsening recession will hurt profits.

"Undoubtedly, there's going to be more disappointments to come," said Tom Maxwell, the head of UK equities at Friends, Ivory & Sime Plc, which has $39 billion under management. "I'm still pretty cautious about Asian-exposed stocks."

The FTSE 100 index fell 154.8 points, or 2.77 percent, to 5432.8, its seventh decline in eight days. HSBC Holdings Plc, the U.K.'s largest bank, which makes 45 percent of its income in Asia, slid 89 pence to 1,260. HSBC's Hong Kong-traded shares dropped 4.32 percent to HK$155, their lowest since October 1997. Standard Chartered Plc, which relies on Asia for 58 percent of its income, dropped 44p to 593.

Hong Kong's benchmark Hang Seng index fell 3.62 percent to 6779.95, its lowest level in five years. Japan's Nikkei 225 index slid 1.4 percent to 15406.99 as concern mounted China may devalue its currency, deepening Asia's economic woes.

Maxwell said he'd consider buying equities if the benchmark index falls another "couple of percent." He'd buy utilities and food retailers rather than industrial companies, he said.

British Petroleum Plc pared earlier losses after it said it will buy US-based Amoco Corp. creating a company worth $110 billion in the world's largest industrial takeover. BP, which had fallen to as low as 733.5 pence earlier, rose 22p to 795, adding 7 points to the index.

(Bloomberg)

Wall Street

Stocks plunged yesterday as Japan's worsening economic problems renewed worries that a slowing US economy will dry up growth in corporate profits.

The Dow Jones industrial average at one point was down 257.98 points in heavy trading. A late wave of buying cut substantially into the losses, but the Dow was still down 112.00 to close at 8,462.85.

That left Wall Street's best-known indicator up by 7 percent on the year, less than half the 18% gain it held just 3 1/2 weeks ago.

At its low for the day, it was down 10.9%, or more than 1,000 points, from the July 17 record close of 9,337.97.

It would take a sustained drop of 20% to bring on a bear market.

Broader market indicators also fell sharply. And yet another indicator of unease was the rise Tuesday of the US dollar and US Treasury bonds, traditional havens in times of uncertainty.

The market's rocky retreat has come as skittish traders wonder if the bull market has run its course. The Dow had almost quadrupled since October 1990 before the slide began.

There have been unsettling reports from the Labor Department on the first drop in US worker productivity in more than three years and from federal court officials of record personal bankruptcy filings by Americans.

(AP)

STOCKS



Maof 333.56 ▼ 3.06%
Dow Jones 8463 ▼ 1.31%
FTSE 5432.8 ▼ 2.77%
Nikkei 15406.99 ▼ 1.4%

Dollar rises to eight-year high vs yen

The dollar rose to an eight-year high against the yen yesterday after Japan said its worst recession since World War II is deepening.

"I don't think I could construct a case" for buying into Japan at the moment, said John Hayter, of Pavilion Asset Management in London. "The weakness in the yen will continue in the short term."

The dollar rose to as high as 147.66 yen, its highest level since August 20, 1990, when it reached 147.80. It was recently at 147.28 from 146.30 on Monday. The US currency rose to 1.7825 marks from 1.7793, lifted by its gains against the yen.

The mark also was hurt on concern Russia might devalue the ruble to help meet debt obligations. Problems in Russia often sour investors on Germany, its largest trading partner and lender.

The yen's descent got underway as Japan's Economic Planning Agency said the economy is slowing in August, after describing it as "at a standstill" in July. The new assessment represents a "slight downgrade," said the EPA's new head, Taichi Sakaiya.

"The economy has been in a sluggish state for a long time and is in an extremely difficult situation," the agency said in its monthly report.

Japan's recession and the yen's decline threaten to set off a round of currency devaluations across Asia. The weak yen makes Japanese exports cheaper, which gives them a competitive edge against products from its Asian neighbors. The temptation for the rest of Asia is to devalue their currencies as well.

Concern that the region's financial woes are far from over– and that China may devalue its currency to boost growth – sent Japanese and other Asian stocks reeling.

"There are a lot of reasons to sell the yen," said Kosuke Hanao, head of currency trading at Industrial Bank of Japan, who said his traders also sold yen yesterday. "The Nikkei collapsed, especially financial stocks, on concern the financial rescue plan is not enough; Asian stocks fell; there's concern about a devaluation in China."

Talk of a devaluation in China drove the yuan to near a five- year low on Shanghai's black market, where an estimated 10 percent of currency trades happen. China's central bank has bought yuan for dollars for three straight days to support the currency.

Mike Grimble, an investment strategist at Norwich Union Investment Management said he's concerned about a Chinese devaluation because of "the message it would send about where China's economy is and the impact on other Asian countries." A devaluation would also dent worldwide consumer demand since it would reduce the purchasing power of the world's most populous country.

(Bloomberg)

CURRENCIES



Dollar 3.684 ▼ 0.027%
Basket 3.9214 ▼ 0.119%
Mark 2.0621 ▼ 0.353%
Sterling 6.0151 ▲ 0.126%

Israel's economy benefits from oil glut

By Jerusalem Post Staff and Bloomberg

Energy

Crude oil for September delivery fell yesterday as much as 36 cents, or 3 percent, to $11.55 a barrel, its lowest in since October 1988, amid expectations that weaker-than-expected demand will maintain a world oversupply of crude into 1999.

Oil producers are pumping almost 4 percent more oil than the world needs, a report by the Paris-based International Energy Agency on Friday showed. The report comes at a time when cutback targets by world producers haven't been achieved.

Dr. Amit Mor, president of the Tel Aviv-based Amit energy consulting firm, said the drop in oil prices has saved the Israeli economy some $200 million since the beginning of the year. "For every dollar decline in oil, the economy saves $65m. in annual terms," he said. "This savings is eventually passed on to the consumer."

He said he predicted prices would stay in the $11 to $13 range over the next few months, depending on whether OPEC and other oil producing countries lower production by about 3 million barrels a day, in line with three decisions.

Precious metals

Gold for immediate delivery fell as much as $2.50 to $283.25 an ounce, its lowest in one week, as the dollar rose, discouraging buying among buyers using other currencies.

The dollar traded as high as 147.66 yen, its strongest since August 16, 1990 on concern Japan's economic slump may be worsening. Japanese stocks fell for a seventh day.

COMMODITIES



Gold $285.05 ▼ 2.4%
Crude Oil $11.82 ▼ 0.11%
CRB 205.51 ▼ 0.55%

Others

Copper fell as the dollar rose, making the dollar-denominated metal more expensive for consumers in Japan, the world's second-biggest copper buyer. The weak yen resulted from Japanese stocks falling for a seventh day on concern the country's economic slump may be worsening. The benchmark three-month copper contract on the London Metal Exchange fell as much as $24.50, or 1.5 percent, to $1,609 a metric ton. Aluminum also fell amid concern over Japan, the world's second-largest consumer of the metal.

Coffee for September delivery dropped $72, or 4.3 percent, to $1,605 a metric ton on the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange, on expectations that a bumper crop in Brazil, the world's largest grower, will keep roasters well supplied this year.

Brazil is expected to export between 17 and 18 million 60-kilo bags of coffee in the year ending June 30, up from 12.5 million bags in 1997-98, a report by the Brazilian Association of Coffee Exporters said. An increase in sales by growers in Indonesia and Uganda is also helping boost supplies of the bitter-flavored robusta beans traded in London, analysts said.

US bonds' yields fall to record lows

US bonds rose yesterday, pushing yields to record lows, as investors piled into Treasuries amid concern that worsening economic turmoil in Asia and Russia will send global stock markets tumbling.

"The market is being dictated by fear," said Vincent Verterano, head government bond trader at Nomura Securities International Inc.

Investors sought government securities as a haven from turmoil after Japan said its worst recession since World War II is deepening and concern grew that Russia might default on debt repayments.

The benchmark 30-year Treasury bond rose 7/8, or $8.75 per $1,000 bond, its biggest gain since June 15. The yield fell 6 basis points to 5.56 percent, having earlier touched 5.55%, the lowest since the Treasury began regular sales of the securities in 1977. The two-year note's yield was 8 basis points lower at 5.25%.

The dollar surged to an eight-year high against the yen after a Japanese government agency took a more pessimistic view of the economy, raising concern about another round of currency devaluations across Asia.

A surging dollar makes US assets more attractive to international investors because they realize bigger returns when they convert profits back into their home currencies.

"There's a big flight-to-quality unfolding here," said Graham McDevitt, a bond strategist at Paribas Capital Markets in London. "Russia is the big factor, but there's the yen, equities are tumbling — they're all different chapters of the same story."

Investors are selling Russian bonds after the government failed to convince investors that its plans to boost revenue and reduce borrowing costs will help it meet more than $20 billion in debt payments this year.

Russian Deputy Prime Minister Victor Khristenko tried to reassure investors the government can meet its obligations.

"There is no question about Russia's default on the day's agenda," Khristenko said at a press conference.

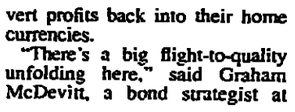
Asian stocks were hurt by concern that the economic slowdown in the region will crimp corporate profit, and speculation that the weaker yen may prompt other Asian countries to devalue their currencies.

Some analysts said Treasuries' gains may be capped by speculation that the Bank of Japan and the Federal Reserve may move to bolster the yen by selling dollars.

Japanese Finance Minister Kiichi Miyazawa yesterday reiterated that Japan "won't hesitate to intervene when foreign exchange rates move in a disruptive manner."

(Bloomberg)

BONDS



US 30-year T-bill yield
5.56 ▼ 0.06

ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Patah (foreign currency deposit rates)

Currency (deposit for:)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS
U.S. dollar ($250,000)	4.770	4.800	5.090
Pound sterling (£100,000)	5.550	5.540	5.620
German mark (DM 200,000)	2.180	2.280	2.700
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	0.060	0.190	0.560
Yen (10 million yen)	—	—	—

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (11.8.98)

	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Buy	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS Sell	BANKNOTES Buy	BANKNOTES Sell	Rep. Rates**
Currency basket	3.8917	3.9545	—	—	3.9241
U.S. dollar	3.6560	3.7150	3.59	3.77	3.6840
German mark	2.0472	2.0803	2.01	2.11	2.0621
Pound sterling	5.9622	6.0584	5.86	6.15	6.0151
French franc	0.6105	0.6204	0.60	0.63	0.6148
Japanese yen (100)	2.4817	2.5218	2.43	2.56	2.4991
Dutch florin	1.8156	1.8451	1.78	1.88	1.8287
Swiss franc	2.4449	2.4844	2.40	2.52	2.4579
Swedish krona	0.4487	0.4560	0.44	0.47	0.4513
Norwegian krone	0.4790	0.4868	0.47	0.50	0.4820
Danish krone	0.5374	0.5461	0.52	0.56	0.5413
Finnish mark	0.6734	0.6843	0.66	0.70	0.6782
Canadian dollar	2.4033	2.4421	2.38	2.48	2.4209
Australian dollar	2.1762	2.2114	2.13	2.25	2.1874
S. African rand	0.5728	0.5821	0.51	0.59	0.5770
Belgian franc (10)	0.9827	1.0068	0.97	1.03	0.9996
Austrian schilling (10)	2.9093	2.9563	2.85	3.00	2.9304
Italian lira (1000)	2.0751	2.1088	2.03	2.14	2.0902
Jordanian dinar	5.1385	5.2214	5.05	5.42	5.2129
Egyptian pound	1.0300	1.1200	1.03	1.12	1.1052
ECU	4.0361	4.1012	—	—	4.0670
Irish punt	5.1403	5.2333	5.05	5.30	5.1771
Spanish peseta (100)	2.4120	2.4510	2.37	2.48	2.4286

*These rates vary according to bank. **Bank of Israel.

SOURCE: BANK LEUMI

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Local lad does the business

IT could only happen at Headingley. After England's poor showing at the famous old ground in Leeds in recent years, it was like days of old (remember 1981) as Alec Stewart's side at last delivered the goods and won a five-match Test series for England for the first time in 11 years in beating South Africa 2-1.

The Leeds result hinged on three England players, Mark Butcher's first innings' century, Darren Gough's second innings' haul of six wickets and Nasser Hussain's superb 94 in the second innings.

There was also some interesting lbw and caught-behind decisions by umpire Javed Akhtar.

To be fair to the Pakistani official, he was certainly consistent in his umpiring. He gave Allan Donald and Mike Atherton out leg before when TV replays clearly showed that the players had got bat to ball before pad.

Thankfully, neither captain mentioned the umpiring after the game.

Akhtar can actually be seen as a victim of the bizarre ICC ruling that Tests need a neutral umpire to stand. Fair enough, but most commentators agree that it would be better to have the same umpire standing throughout a series.

Akhtar, an official for nearly 20 years, had not stood for four months in a game, and yet was flown in for a crucial deciding Test. He was given a second-eleven game to acclimatize and was then thrown into the Headingley cauldron.

Rather unkindly, one of the BBC commentary team mentioned that Akhtar also had a hearing problem and that might have been the reason he may have missed the nicks on the bats of Donald and Atherton.

The England management allowed the cameras into the dressing room after the game, and not surprisingly, the champagne was flowing. Coach David Lloyd was a little bit late into the celebrations as he had spent most of Sunday, and the few remaining overs on Monday, standing in the passageway next to the dressing rooms to bring England luck.

On that last day, with admission free, over 9,000 hardy Yorkshire folk turned out to cheer on England, with the famous Western Terrace in full voice, particularly when Gough started his run-up.

On the field, there does seem to have been a transformation of England's fortunes since Stewart took over the captaincy from Atherton. Certainly, the Lancastrian's batting has improved (he took the England Man-of-the-Series Award), while Stewart's more aggressive approach has been heartening. The big question now, is whether England can continue where they have left off and win back the Ashes this winter.

PREMIERSHIP football begins this weekend with higher expectations, and salaries to match. Managers are more cautious about signings from France '98 than after the previous World Cup in the USA. This season, there will be at least 49 players who featured in France, many of whom were already here before the World Cup.

This time last year, there were 133 foreign players in the Premiership – the figure this season is nearing 200. But despite what appears to be a large influx of foreign players, the figure is not as high as Germany, Italy and France, and there is no overt bad feeling in terms of them hampering the development of young players here.

Judging by Sunday's Charity Shield encounter, Arsenal are going to be difficult to catch again, and David Beckham is in for a rough ride every time he touches the ball. The big talking point about Manchester United is whether the £10 million-plus the club have paid for Dutch defender Jaap Stam is money well spent. The club is as famous in the stock market as the transfer market and has gone one stage further in testing fans' loyalty by launching its own TV channel, MUTV.

From September 10, the channel will broadcast seven days a week, six hours a day from a studio outside Old Trafford. Initially, the channel will only be available to viewers who have Sky TV, and for a fiver a month, they will get a potpourri of United trivia, including reserve and youth team games, press conferences and the usual interviews with players ad infinitum.

One of the candidates for the hardest job in football this season is Alistair Wilson, the man charged with revamping the PR fortunes of Newcastle United.

After the fall-out of the disastrous campaign on and off the field last season when directors Douglas Hall and Freddie Shepherd were secretly recorded verbally abusing fans and players, and other revelries concerning players in bars and clubs hit the back pages, Wilson, recently retired as managing director of Newcastle Breweries, has been brought in to deal with the media hounds.

Newcastle have been given generous 25-1 odds by the bookies to win the Premiership, and they start on Saturday with what should be home banker against newly promoted Charlton.

Finally to David Unsworth, the former Everton and West Ham defender who was transferred to Aston Villa in the summer having been unable to settle in the south. After just a few days training with Villa, the defender told manager John Gregory he was unable to continue with the club as his wife wanted him back in Liverpool.

A deal to return to Everton fell through, and now the player is back in talks with Villa. Gregory, a noted disciplinarian, was reported to be very upset with Unsworth, but will not let a player of his ability go so easily. "In our days as players, you went home, told the wife to pack her bags, we were going to a new club," Gregory told reporters.

How times change!

London Calling



Mark Rivlin

Schmeichel nominated for goalkeeper of the century award

WIESBADEN (Reuters) – Denmark's Peter Schmeichel has been shortlisted for a European "Goalkeeper of the Century" award to be announced next January.

The Manchester United stalwart is the only keeper currently active among the seven nominated yesterday by the International Federation of Football History and Statistics (IFFHS).

England's Gordon Banks, Lev Yashin of the Soviet Union, Sepp Maier of Germany, Frantisek Planicka of Czechoslovakia, Ricardo Zamora of Spain and Italy's Dino Zoff were the six other names on the list.

The IFFHS produced a list of Europe's 50 top keepers after asking football specialists and historians from across Europe to vote. The winner of the European Goalkeeper of the Century award will be announced at the World Football Gala '99 next January.

Among those outside the final seven were England's Peter Shilton (eighth), Northern Ireland's Pat Jennings (11th), West Germany's Harald Schumacher (15th) and Edwin van der Sar of the Netherlands, at 27 the youngest player on the list, (joint 24th).

Current England goalkeeper David Seaman was joint 32nd, one point behind Italy's Angelo Peruzzi.

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Caesarea golf

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Michael Bannister scored 72 strokes to lead the A division with Cyril Kaufman second with 73 and Chuck Shaikowitz third at 74.

In the B division, it was Eric Isaacs with a 72 who took first place. Ben Hoffman and Shmulik Futeran both ended on 74 but Hoffman's better back nine gave him the second place.

Yitzhak Dankner won the C division with a 74. Jules Cuburnek was second with 77 with third place going to Yakov Zanati with 78.

Heather Chait

Atherton recalled to England 1-day team

LONDON (AP) – Mike Atherton, the hero of England's 2-1 Test series victory over South Africa, was recalled yesterday to the one-day squad for next week's triangular against South Africa and Sri Lanka.

The former England captain is not known as a one-day player has not played in a one-day international since helping England to a 3-0 victory last year over Australia.

The England squad: Alec Stewart (captain), Mike Atherton, Alistair Brown, Robert Croft, Mark Ealham, Angus Fraser, Ashley Giles, Darren Gough, Graeme Hick, Adam Hollioake, Nasser Hussain, Nick Knight, Peter Martin, Alan Mullally.

England move up in world rankings

LONDON (Reuters) – England have moved up one place in the Wisden world championship rankings after their 2-1 series win over South Africa on Monday.

South Africa drop to third place behind Australia and West Indies.

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Favorite son

New Yorkers favor Williams over Piazza

MY CALL
By SHAUN POWELL

The city's other big-name free agent-in-waiting, who's also seeking a Powerball-sized payoff from a New York baseball team, gets a strong response whenever he steps to the plate, too.

Except they're throwing bouquets, not boos, at Bernie Williams.

Yankee Stadium snuggles up next to Williams just as it does to Darryl Strawberry, or Derek Jeter, or any other New York Yankee of the moment. There's nothing but love coming from the most demanding place to play in the majors.

Not that the affection comes as a surprise. After all, this is a special team entering the seventh inning of a special season, and the starting center fielder is treated as though he's, well, special.

From opening day, Williams has enjoyed the support of a crowd that conveniently ignored his offseason desire for a $10 million-a-year contract extension, and across town, a verbally abused catcher is dying to know his secret.

This is probably confusing to Mike Piazza, since he has plenty in common with Williams. Both were named All-Stars, they'll finish with respectable numbers at year's end, and this winter, both will ask for the gross national product of Peru.

But only one is universally adored in his own house. Piazza knows what awaits him when the New York Mets return to Shea Stadium: a heaping amount of hostility, heard loudly and clearly.

What Piazza should understand are the harsh realities that separate New York's pair of big-money seekers. Williams responds well to the hazards of playing here. Williams helped deliver a World Series.

Williams comes up clutch with men on base. Williams has the benefit of being surrounded by a solid lineup.

Basically, everything that's missing with Piazza is evident with Williams, who right now is the better free-agent buy. Whether Williams is worth a fortune is up to George Steinbrenner. But he has earned the right to ask for it by eliminating most if not all doubt about his value.

Williams couldn't have asked for a better contract year. The team's winning. He's winning. He's pushing for the batting title at .350 and is almost spotless in the field, and this comes despite a season interrupted by injury. The sprained knee has even worked in his favor.

He used it to demonstrate his desire for a strong recovery. After missing a month, Williams rapidly returned to his pre-injury level to once again become the most reliable bat in the lineup.

It wasn't guaranteed to be this way. When agent Scott Boras began demanding Griffey-like dollars for his client just before arbitration, Williams ran the risk of coming off as greedy and unreasonable. At the very least, Williams was placed in a bind. He had to produce big, or hear boos. New Yorkers don't take fondly to athletes asking for plenty and giving little in return.

But Williams has been solid from the start, and even better lately.

Since returning from the DL he's hitting .355. While it may be true that no Yankee is having a career year, the 31 games Williams missed probably will cost him the 25 home runs and 100 RBI he averaged the last two years.

At least the American League batting title is still well within reach in what figures to be a two-man race with the Minnesota Twins' Todd Walker.

"It's important to me," Williams said. But I think we're doing a good job of setting individual goals aside in return for winning. There may be a point in a game, for instance, where you're going to have to take for yourself or for the team. I think we're doing a lot of taking for the team, and I'm with that."

Williams has always been beloved. He's not a stranger to New York, like Piazza. He grew up within the farm system, became a star, enjoyed a great postseason run in the '96 championship year and stayed dignified and elegant through it all. He didn't allow his contract dispute to turn bitter, either.

"He has a certain kind of innocence about him ... and I think that's helped him with the fans, too," Manager Joe Torre said. "Bernie has never been a braggadocious guy. He does his talking on the field."

By sticking to that philosophy, Williams was assured his measure of respect among the fans would remain intact. "One thing that helped me is I kept my mouth shut about the contract and concentrated on playing baseball," he said. "By putting it aside, it really has helped me focus ... on the field. I didn't worry about the things ... that I could not control."

Piazza couldn't control everything about his arrival. He didn't portray himself as a franchise-saver; the talk-show hosts did. He can't give himself ample opportunities to collect RBI; the weak-hitting Mets must put runners on base for him.

Yet, for someone who turned down $84m from the Dodgers and will no doubt request the largest salary in the majors to stay in New York, Piazza hasn't raised his standards high enough to meet the price. You don't ground into double plays with two runners on and then demand $100m. The Mets would be wise to use that money to patch a hole in their outfield and add a hitting infielder instead.

It's a different scene at Yankee Stadium. In his last at-bat Monday, Williams heard cheers and hit his 15th home run. Life is good in New York when you can convince thousands that you're worth millions. (Newsday)

Corretja survives third-set tiebreak



CROWD PLEASER – Tommy Haas from Germany signs autographs at the ATP Championship in Mason, Ohio following his 7-6, 7-6 win over Jim Courier in first-round action. (Reuters)

MASON, Ohio (AP) – Alex Corretja's first-round match Monday at the ATP Championship was no trip to the beach, although that's where the Spaniard has been spending time lately.

Corretja, playing his first hard-court match since March – and his first match of any kind after a three-week vacation – needed three sets and more than 2½ hours to outlast Alex O'Brien 6-3, 6-7 (3-7), 7-6 (9-7).

"It was good because it was good for my physical condition and my mental game because after like 20 days off, it is always difficult to make a comeback," Corretja said.

"But today, for me, it was my first match, so I was hungry to be on the court and hungry to play tennis." Corretja, ranked 12th in the ATP Tour rankings released Monday, said he was invigorated by his vacation in Barcelona.

"I was just having some fun and just trying to go to the beach and to the pool," Corretja said. "Right now I feel fresh again."

O'Brien, who has never been ranked higher than 30th, was happy to have pressed Corretja to a third-set tiebreaker.

"I did a lot of positive things. I thought it was a good day because I put a lot of pressure on him," O'Brien said. "I'm my biggest enemy ... today I didn't defeat myself."

As one of the Mercedes Super 9 tournaments, the $2.45 million Great American Insurance ATP Championship has a spectacular field. Of the top 10 players on tour, only sixth-ranked Greg Rusedski, sidelined by an injury, is absent.

Pete Sampras is the defending champion and No. 1 seed.

Marcelo Rios, who took over the tour's top ranking from Sampras on Monday, is seeded No. 2.

The tournament lost one seeded player Monday when Jeff Tarango defeated 13th-seeded Alberto Berasategui of Spain 7-5, 6-2.

In other matches involving seeded players, No. 12 Albert Costa of Spain beat Sebastian Grosjean of France 1-6, 6-4, 6-1 and No.16 Cedric Pioline of France beat Ramone Delgado of Paraguay 7-6, 6-3.

In other matches, Vince Spadea beat Justin Gimelstob 3-6, 7-6 (10-8), 6-2; Jan-Michael Gambill beat Olivier Delaitre of France 6-1, 6-3; Tommy Haas of Germany beat Jim Courier 7-6 (7-3), 7-6 (7-5); and Guillaume Raoux of France defeated Wolfgang Schranz of Austria 7-6 (7-5), 5-7, 6-4.

Also, Magnus Larsson of Sweden beat Gianluca Pozzi of Italy 6-4, 7-5; Thomas Johansson of Sweden beat Wayne Black of Zimbabwe 7-6 (7-3), 7-5; and Jan Siemerink of the Netherlands beat countryman Sjeng Schalken 1-6, 6-1, 7-6 (7-2).

Juventus deny rival coach's doping charges

TURIN (Reuters) – Italian champions Juventus hit out yesterday at suggestions their players took performance enhancing drugs but freely acknowledged they used legal "restoratives" to recoup energy.

"Confusion breeds ignorance," the club's chief medical officer Riccardo Agricola told a news conference at the club's training ground in Turin.

"Restoratives, that's to say amino acids, creatine, vitamins, mineral salts and water, are legal and, indeed, it would be a crime not to use them because the body needs to regain equilibrium after heavy exercise." Agricola said he did not think there was a serious doping problem in Italian soccer, contrary to claims made by AS Roma coach Zdenek Zeman in a magazine article last week.

Zeman, a Czech, said drug taking was rife in Italian soccer and singled out one past and one current Juventus player as having achieved "astonishing" and rapid muscle growth.

His comments sparked outrage at Juventus and sent shock waves through the world's most prestigious soccer league, which has been relatively free of doping scandals.

One of the players named said he would sue Zeman over the "unacceptable damage" to his reputation while the other branded the controversial coach "a terrorist".

Juve said they too would sue Zeman for what club president Vittorio Chiusano described as "an underhand and ambiguous form of defamation which cannot be tolerated".

Yesterday, Juventus general manager Luciano Moggi insisted his players were clean.

"We are a club which works hard and finds treasure through our own effort," he said. "We don't need other things." Zeman was due to appear before an anti-doping committee of the Italian Olympic Committee (CONI) later on Tuesday to clarify comments he made on the same subject last month.

He said then that soccer needed to "escape from the pharmacies and the financial offices and get back to being sport and entertainment".

Zeman, who has worked in Italian football for 17 years, is also due to appear before a magistrate in Turin today to explain last week's comments, published by *L'Espresso* magazine.

"I have the impression that recently (doping) has been on the increase," Zeman told *L'Espresso*.

"The pressure on players is increasing all the time. It's more and more difficult to resist the temptation of magic pills," he said.

Turkey tries to tame soccer fans

ISTANBUL (Reuters) – Turkey's Interior Ministry said yesterday it had ordered tough security measures at the country's soccer stadiums in a bid to control its passionate and sometimes violent supporters.

In a directive to regional governors, newly-appointed Interior Minister Kutlu Aktas ordered strict segregation of rival fans, a clampdown on provocative tannoy announcements and heavy policing after matches to prevent opposing fans clashing.

Police with dogs patrol the terraces during matches but running street battles between rival groups often break out before and after games. It is not uncommon for police to confiscate items such as 50-cm kebab cleavers and knives from fans before games.

The directive also ordered stadium officials to take all loose change from spectators entering the grounds and donate it to the Red Crescent aid agency.

Police have often had to use riot shields to protect players from a hail of coins and lighters as they emerge from the dressing room.

Croatian coach Otto Baric collapsed on the touchline of a league game last season, apparently knocked out by a stone thrown from the terraces.

Nebiolo backs Zurich's tough line on money

ZURICH (Reuters) – World athletics boss Primo Nebiolo yesterday backed Zurich's decision not to accept the alleged financial demands of leading sprinters Maurice Greene and Ato Boldon for the richest meeting in the sport.

Today's big-money event will be without all the world's elite in the 100 meters after world champions Greene and Boldon decided against competing because of differences with promoter Andreas Bruegger.

Greene, the world 100 meters champion, said the row about the most glamorous meeting in the new lucrative Golden League series revolved around a lack of "respect" while Bruegger claimed it was "all about money".

Nebiolo, the president of athletics's world governing body, said he was against the escalation of payments to athletes.

"We approve completely of the decision of Mr. Bruegger not to accept the requests," Nebiolo said. Zurich is the most lucrative of the seven Golden League series which pays out a jackpot of $1 million to athletes who win their events at all the meetings.

In addition athletes can earn appearance fees as well as winning up to $15,000 for winning an event and a bonus for world records which for Zurich is $50,000.

The Zurich 100 meters has Olympic champion Donovan Bailey and leading sprinters such as Namibia's Frankie Fredericks and Canadian Bruny Surin. But it has certainly lost sparkle without Greene and 200 world champion Boldon who have looked sharp in recent weeks.

Negotiations about appearance money have always been tough for promoters. Fees have usually been kept secret and meeting organizers are keen to avoid too much inflation.

It is not known what figures are involved now for big names in Zurich. Two years ago leading athletes could expect to earn at least $70,000 just for turning up at the Letzigrund stadium.

Bruegger alleges that Greene and Boldon's ideas about money were too high.

Their manager Emanuel Hudson attacked the payment system of the Golden League on Monday because it was not fair on some athletes.

Nebiolo seemed to open the door to changes in the series next year.

"We are gaining experience this season," the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) president said. "Next year we may make changes if we believe changes are needed to be fair to the athletes."

BASEBALL

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Astros 5, Brewers 2

Sean Berry hit a tiebreaking three-run homer in the bottom of the eighth and Billy Wagner pitched a perfect ninth for his first save since being struck in the head by a line drive.

Berry, who was 3-for-4, hit the first pitch thrown to him by Chad Fox (0-3) after Jeff Bagwell and Moises Alou singled.

Alou added a two-run homer and was part of a key defensive play as the Astros won their fourth straight.

Wagner picked up his 23rd save in his second appearance since he suffered a concussion and cut ear when he was struck by a liner on July 15 at Arizona.

Scott Elarton (1-0) pitched a hitless eighth for Houston.

Phillies 3, Diamondbacks 0

Curt Schilling pitched a three-hitter in his major league-leading leading 11th complete game of the season as Philadelphia won on the road.

Schilling (11-11) struck out five and walked one as the Phillies won for just the second time in 12 games. He threw only 94 pitches in his second shutout of the year.

Hard-luck Omar Daal (5-7) nearly pitched his third consecutive complete game, giving up four hits and one earned run in 7⅓ innings. He lost 2-0 to the Chicago Cubs in his last start on Tuesday.

Rockies 6, Expos 2

Dante Bichette hit a tiebreaking grand slam in the seventh inning and Larry Walker had a solo shot as Colorado won at home.

Bichette, who was 4-for-5 with a homer and five RBIs on Sunday, broke a 2-2 tie with his 19th homer of the season and sixth grand slam of his career.

The grand slam helped Jamey Wright (7-10) win consecutive decisions for the third time this year. Wright allowed two runs and five hits in seven innings and helped himself at the plate by doubling and scoring a run.

Vladimir Guerrero homered for the Expos, who had won six of their previous seven.

Marlins 3, Padres 2

Florida's Livan Hernandez pitched a five-hitter for his seventh complete game, breaking Kevin Brown's club record, and the visiting Marlins handed Brown his first loss since May 21.

Brown (14-4) was trying to win his 12th straight decision, which would have set the Padres' record.

Hernandez (10-8) pitched his second complete game in three starts. He allowed two runs, struck out six and walked four.

The Marlins scored three runs, two earned, on six hits off Brown in seven innings. Brown struck out seven and walked three.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Orioles 2, Devil Rays 1

Baltimore's Eric Davis had two hits and an RBI to extend his club-record hitting streak to 26 games as the surging Orioles won on the road to record their sixth victory in seven games.

Juan Guzman (8-12) allowed three hits in 5⅔ innings to improve to 2-0 since the Orioles, who are a major league-best 23-6 since the All-Star break, obtained him in a trade with Toronto.

Reliever Jessie Orosco ended an eighth-inning threat by retiring Wade Boggs and Fred McGriff with the tying run at second base, and Armando Benitez worked the ninth for his 16th save in 17 opportunities.

Davis, who has hit in 28 of 29 since the break, went 2-for-4 and gave Baltimore a 1-0 lead with RBI double off Tony Saunders (3-11) in the first inning.

Yankees 7, Twins 3

Hideki Irabu allowed just two hits in seven innings and host New York moved 56 games above .500 for the first time in 37 years.

The Yankees are 85-29 and remain on pace to break the single-season record of 116 wins by the 1906 Chicago Cubs. New York has won five straight and improved to 43-8 at home.

The Twins were making their first visit to Yankee Stadium since David Wells pitched a perfect game against them on May 17.

Irabu hit leadoff hitter Otis Nixon in the first, but didn't give up a hit until Marty Cordova's leadoff single in the fifth.

The last Yankees team to go 56 games over .500 was the 1961 World Series champions, who finished 109-53.

Scott Brosius and Bernie Williams homered to give a Irabu (11-5) a 7-0 lead after seven innings.

Angels 6, Tigers 2

Gary DiSarcina's double triggered a four-run second inning and Omar Olivares won for the first time since June 17 as Anaheim handed host Detroit its seventh straight loss.

Olivares (6-8), who had lost his previous six decisions, pitched seven strong innings as the Angels won for just the fourth time in 11 games. He allowed two runs and six hits, struck out six and walked four.

The victory moved Anaheim within 1½ games of first-place Texas in the AL West.

Luis Gonzalez hit two homers for the Tigers to raise his season total to a career-high 16.

White Sox 5, Athletics 3

Robin Ventura hit a two-run homer and Jim Parque won for the first time since June 15 as Chicago won at Comiskey.

Ventura, who entered the game in a 4-for-26 slump, hit his 13th homer of the season in the sixth to give Chicago a 4-3 lead and help the White Sox win for the fifth time in seven games.

Parque (3-4), winless in his six previous starts, gave up three runs and four hits in six innings. Bill Simas pitched the ninth for his 13th save.

Kenny Rogers (11-5) failed in his second attempt to get his 100th career victory, giving up five runs and eight hits in eight innings.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Baltimore 100 001 000–2 7 0
Tampa Bay 000 001 000–1 3 0
Guzman, Mills (6), Orosco (8), A.Benitez (9) and Holles, Webster (8); Saunders, Aldred (9) and DeFelice. W–Guzman, 8-12. L–Saunders, 3-11. Sv–A.Benitez (16).

Anaheim 040 110 000–6 12 0
Detroit 100 000 100–2 6 1
Olivares, Cadaret (8), Hasegawa (8), Percival (9) and Walbeck; F.Castillo, Crow (8) and Bako. W–Olivares, 6-8. L–F.Castillo, 3-8. HRs–Detroit, L.Gonzalez 2 (16).

Minnesota 000 000 030–3 5 1
New York 120 300 10x–7 10 1
F.Rodriguez, Baptist (5) and Steinbach; Irabu, Stanton (8) and Posada. W–Irabu, 11-5. L–F.Rodriguez, 1-2. HRs–Minnesota, Lawton (14). New York, B.Williams (15), Brosius (13).

Oakland 000 300 000–3 4 1
Chicago 001 102 01x–5 8 0
Rogers and Hinch; Parque, Howry (7), Simas (9) and Machado. W–Parque, 3-4. L–Rogers, 11-5. Sv–Simas (13). HR–Chicago, Ventura (13).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Milwaukee 000 000 200–2 9 0
Houston 000 002 03x–5 10 1
Pulsipher, C.Fox (7) and Hughes; Hampton, Elarton (8), B.Wagner (9) and Ausmus. W–Elarton, 1-0. L–C.Fox, 0-3. Sv–B.Wagner (23). HRs–Milwaukee, B.Banks (1). Houston, Alou (31), Berry (9).

New York 202 000 000–4 8 0
St. Louis 200 000 000–2 6 1
A.Leiter, Cook (5), Wendell (8), J.Franco (9) and Piazza; M.Morris, Croushore (8) and Pagnozzi. W–A.Leiter, 11-4.
L–M.Morris, 3-2. Sv–J.Franco (24). HR–New York, Hundley (1).

Montreal 001 000 100–2 7 1
Colorado 001 001 40x–6 8 1
Paveano, Telford (7), Bennett (7), M.Batista (8) and Widger; Jm.Wright, Veres (8), Dipoto (9) and Manwaring. W–Jm.Wright, 7-10. L–Telford, 3-5. HRs–Montreal, V.Guerrero (27). Colorado, L.Walker (16), Bichette (19).

Philadelphia 000 000 021–3 6 0
Arizona 000 000 000–0 3 1
Schilling and Estalella; Daal, Chouinard (6) and Stinnett. W–Schilling, 11-11. L–Daal, 5-7. HR–Philadelphia, Brogna (16).

Florida 100 002 000–3 7 1
San Diego 000 101 000–2 5 3
L.Hernandez and Zaun; K.Brown, Mcell (6), Ra.Myers (9) and C.Hernandez. W–L.Hernandez, 10-8. L–K.Brown, 14-4.

Chicago 001 230 101–8 9 1
San Francisco 014 000 000–5 11 1
Tapani, F.Heredia (6), Karchner (7), Beck (9) and S.Martinez; Ortiz, Brock (9) and B.Johnson. W–Tapani, 14-7. L–Ortiz, 1-2. Sv–Beck (34). HRs–Chicago, Sosa 2 (45), Ma.Grace (13). H.Rodriguez (28), Houston (7). San Francisco, Bonds (24), J.Kent (17).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East	W	L		
Atlanta	79	39	.669	—
New York	63	53	.543	15
Philadelphia	57	60	.487	21½
Montreal	49	70	.412	30½
Florida	42	76	.356	37
Central				
Houston	72	46	.610	—
Chicago	65	54	.546	7½
Milwaukee	58	60	.492	14
St. Louis	56	61	.479	15½
Cincinnati	53	65	.449	19
Pittsburgh	52	66	.441	20
West				
San Diego	76	42	.644	—
San Francisco	62	57	.521	14½
Los Angeles	60	58	.508	16
Colorado	54	65	.454	22½
Arizona	44	74	.373	32

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East	W	L		
New York	85	29	.746	—
Boston	68	47	.591	17½
Baltimore	61	56	.521	25½
Toronto	58	59	.496	28½
Tampa Bay	45	70	.391	40½
Central				
Cleveland	65	51	.560	—
Chicago	52	64	.448	13
Minnesota	52	64	.448	13
Kansas City	52	65	.444	13½
Detroit	46	70	.397	19
West				
Texas	63	53	.543	—
Anaheim	62	55	.530	1½
Seattle	54	62	.466	9
Oakland	52	66	.441	12

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

BATTING–Olerud, New York, .349; Bichette, Colorado, .342; LWalker, Colorado, .341; VGuerrero, Montreal, .333; Kendall, Pittsburgh, .327; Gwynn, San Diego, .325; Cirillo, Milwaukee, .323; BJordan, St. Louis, .323.

RUNS–ChJones, Atlanta, 95; Biggio, Houston, 93; Bagwell, Houston, 90; GVaughn, San Diego, 88; Sosa, Chicago, 88; McGwire, St. Louis, 88; Glanville, Philadelphia, 86.

RBI–Sosa, Chicago, 116; Bichette, Colorado, 104; Alou, Houston, 103; McGwire, St. Louis, 103; Castilla, Colorado, 101; GVaughn, San Diego, 93; Galarraga, Atlanta, 93.

HITS–Bichette, Colorado, 169; Glanville, Philadelphia, 153; VGuerrero, Montreal, 152; Biggio, Houston, 150; DeBell, Houston, 149; Castilla, Colorado, 148; ChJones, Atlanta, 143.

HOME RUNS–Sosa, Chicago, 46; McGwire, St. Louis, 46; GVaughn, San Diego, 39; Galarraga, Atlanta, 36; Castilla, Colorado, 35; Alou, Houston, 31; ChJones, Atlanta, 28; HRodriguez, Chicago, 28.

STOLEN BASES–Wernack, Pittsburgh, 44; Renteria, Florida, 37; Biggio, Houston, 36; EcYoung, Los Angeles, 34; Floyd, Florida, 24; CVeras, San Diego, 21; Bonds, San Francisco, 20.

PITCHING (13 Decisions)–Glavine, Atlanta, 15-4, .789, 2.47; KBrown, San Diego, 14-4, .778, 2.58; GMaddux, Atlanta, 15-5, .750, 1.53; ALeiter, New York, 11-4, .733, 2.38; Ashby, San Diego, 15-6, .714, 2.55; Millwood, Atlanta, 13-6, .684, 4.51; Reynolds, Houston, 14-7, .667, 3.61; Tapani, Chicago, 14-7, .667, 4.61.

STRIKEOUTS–Schilling, Philadelphia, 226; KBrown, San Diego, 187; Wood, Chicago, 185; GMaddux, Atlanta, 151; Stottlemyre, St. Louis, 147; Reynolds, Houston, 142; Nomo, New York, 137.

SAVES–Hoffman, San Diego, 38; Beck, Chicago, 34; Shaw, Los Angeles, 34; Nen, San Francisco, 29; Urbina, Montreal, 26; JFranco, New York, 24; BWagner, Houston, 23.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BATTING–BWilliams, New York, .352; TWalker, Minnesota, .347; Segui, Seattle, .333; IRodriguez, Texas, .331; MVaughn, Boston, .329; Garciaparra, Boston, .323; DJeter, New York, .321.

RUNS–Griffey Jr, Seattle, 94; DJeter, New York, 90; ARodriguez, Seattle, 89; Durham, Chicago, 87; Edmonds, Anaheim, 85; Knoblauch, New York, 85; JnValentin, Boston, 83.

RBI–JuGonzalez, Texas, 119; Belle, Chicago, 101; Griffey Jr, Seattle, 98; RPalmeiro, Baltimore, 97; ARodriguez, Seattle, 95; MRamirez, Cleveland, 95; TMartinez, New York, 91.

HITS–ARodriguez, Seattle, 151; DJeter, New York, 141; Higginson, Detroit, 141; GAnderson, Anaheim, 141; O'Neil, New York, 141; Erstad, Anaheim, 140; MVaughn, Boston, 140.

HOME RUNS–Griffey Jr, Seattle, 41; ARodriguez, Seattle, 35; Belle, Chicago, 35; RPalmeiro, Baltimore, 35; JuGonzalez, Texas, 33; Canseco, Toronto, 32; MVaughn, Boston, 31.

STOLEN BASES–Henderson, Oakland, 49; Lofton, Cleveland, 35; Stewart, Toronto, 34; ARodriguez, Seattle, 33; TGoodwin, Texas, 31; Offerman, Kansas City, 30; Nixon, Minnesota, 30.

PITCHING (13 Decisions)–DWells, New York, 14-2, .875, 3.48; Core, New York, 16-4, .800, 3.50; PMartinez, Boston, 15-4, .789, 2.70; Wakefield, Boston, 14-5, .737, 4.18; Helling, Texas, 15-6, .714, 4.59; Clemens, Toronto, 14-6, .700, 3.09; Irabu, New York, 11-5, .687, 3.07; Rogers, Oakland, 11-5, .687, 3.02.

STRIKEOUTS–RJohnson, Seattle, 213; PMartinez, Boston, 183; Clemens, Toronto, 170; CFinley, Anaheim, 161; Core, New York, 150; Erickson, Baltimore, 134; Colon, Cleveland, 128.

SAVES–Gordon, Boston, 32; Wetteland, Texas, 31; MRivera, New York, 30; Percival, Anaheim, 30; RaMyers, Toronto, 28; Aguilera, Minnesota, 28; MJackson, Cleveland, 27.

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The Habimah production of former president Yitzhak Navon's *Bustan Sfaradi* is a blissfully nostalgic look at the lives and loves of Jerusalem's Sephardim which is only enhanced by the beautifully sung Ladino Romanceros. At the Jerusalem Theater tonight at 8:30, Saturday at 9 p.m and tomorrow at 6 and 9 p.m. (Hebrew)



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Hair, the American musical that epitomized the "flower power" social, cultural and anti-Vietnam protests of the late '60s, is back in a new Beit Zvi drama school production directed by the able Gadi Inbar. Tonight and through August 22 at the Ramat Gan Theater at 8:30 p.m. (Hebrew)

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

★★★ **THE REAL BLONDE** – Tom DiCillo is a satirist with sharp claws and a soft heart. In his minor though delightful new comedy of manners, the independent American writer/director manages to extend a fairly scathing critique of high-gloss showbiz sham at the same time that he pays tribute to that endangered notion, truth, and forgives in the long run even his most buffoonish characters the bulk of their outrageous foibles. Adopting a kind of scaled-down Altmanesque approach, he creates a web of loosely linked characters who move in and out of the margins of the slick, stupid worlds of fashion photography and soap-opera acting. With Matthew Modine, Catherine Keener, Elizabeth Berkley and in small, funny cameos, Kathleen Turner, Christopher Lloyd and Mario Thomas. (Children under 17 not admitted without an adult.)

ENGLISH ENTERTAINMENT

HELEN KAYE

Yale University's Whiffenpoofs a-cappella male chorus returns to perform a benefit concert for Project Impact for the Harmony Center. This is an organization whose ongoing goal is the integration of congenitally disabled persons into the life of their community. Tonight at the Jerusalem YMCA Auditorium at 8. Tomorrow on the Louis Promenade (behind the Dan Carmel, Haifa) at 8:30 p.m. Info: (02) 651-9234.

RADIO

■ VOICE OF MUSIC

6:05 MacDowell: Piano music; Tchaikovsky: Piano Concerto no 2 op 44
7:07 Piazzolla: The Four Seasons; Rachmaninoff: Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini for Piano and Orchestra op 43
8:05 Schubert: Songs for Male Chorus; Dvorak: Piano Quintet op 81
9:05 Schubert: String Quartet no 14 "Death and the Maiden"; Liszt: Piano Concerto no 1 (Arrau / London PO / Davis): Bruch: Scottish Fantasy for Violin and Orchestra op 46; Bruckner: Symphony no 4 "Romantic"; Rossini: Wind Quartet no 4
12:00 Light Classical – Rimsky-Korsakov, Ketelbey and Johann Strauss II
12:55 Artist of the Week – Paul Hillier and the Hilliard Ensemble. John Cage: Litany
14:05 Keys
16:00 Mendelssohn: Ave Maria Stella; Bach: Mass in B minor
18:00 Kreisler: Romantic Lullaby; Schubert: An die Musik arranged for Cello and Piano; Mendelssohn: On Wings of Song; Schumann: Variations on ABEGG; Vieuxtemps: Suite for Violin and Piano op 49; Ibert: Histoires for Flute and Piano; Faure: Piano Trio in D minor op 120; Brahms: String Sextet no 1 op 18 (Raphael Ens)
20:05 From Our Concert Halls – The Israel Sinfonietta Beersheba / Aldo Ceccato, conductor.Brahms: Academic Festival Overture op 80; Symphony no 2 op 73; Concerto for Violin, Cello and Orchestra op 102; Symphony no 4 op 98
23:00 Golden Generation – Sergei Rachmaninoff, piano, works by Rachmaninoff, Scriabin, Mendelssohn, Liszt, Schumann, Johann Strauss and Rimsky-Korsakov

■ RADIOWEST

CNN news on the hour followed by RadioWest local news
8:00 Morning Drive (until 9:00) – Music with David Starck
7:30 English Newspaper Headlines
7:45 Sports Update with Danny Gewirtz
8:08 Lion's Trust Financial Update
9:08 Morning Brunch (until 12:00) – Music with Sharon Wagner
10:00 Financial Forum with Mike Humphries
13:00 Windows on the World
13:30 Pick of the Hits with Donna Abraham
16:00 Afternoon Drive (until 19:00) – with Aaron Katsman
17:45 Sports Update with Danny Gewirtz
18:45 Sports Update
19:00 Blues Block with David Bender
20:45 Jerusalem Post Sports – tomorrow's sports tonight – with Joe Hoffman and Ori Lewis
21:00 Gesher presents "The Great Divide" – Panel Discussion
22:00 WestRock with David Sustkuer
1:00 Late Night Music

■ BBC WORLD SERVICE

6:00 News
6:05 World Business Report
6:15 Sports Roundup
6:30 Insight
6:45 Off the Shelf: Jump, part 2, by Nadine Gordimer
7:00 The World Today
7:30 Outlook
7:55 Take Five
8:00 The World Today
8:30 One Planet
9:00 News
9:15 Insight
9:30 Sports International
10:00 News
10:15 Off the Shelf: Anna Karenina, part 8
10:30 Meridian Live
11:00 News
11:10 Pause For Thought
11:15 Westway
11:30 Everywoman
12:00 News
12:05 World Business Report
12:15 The Farming World
12:30 Private Lives (BBC English)
12:45 Sports Roundup
13:00 Newsdesk
13:30 One Planet
14:00 Newsdesk
14:30 Sports International
15:00 News
15:05 World Business Report
15:15 Britain Today
15:30 Heads And Tails
15:45 Sports Roundup
16:00 Newshour
17:00 News
17:05 Outlook
17:30 Megamix
18:00 News
18:05 Sports Roundup
18:15 Performance
18:30 Everywoman
19:00 Europe Today
19:30 World Business Report
19:45 Britain Today
20:00 News
20:15 Insight
20:30 F.O.O.C.
20:45 Sports Roundup
21:00 Newsdesk
21:30 Proms '98
22:24 News Summary
22:25 Pause For Thought
22:30 Multitrack: X-Press
23:00 Newshour
00:00 News

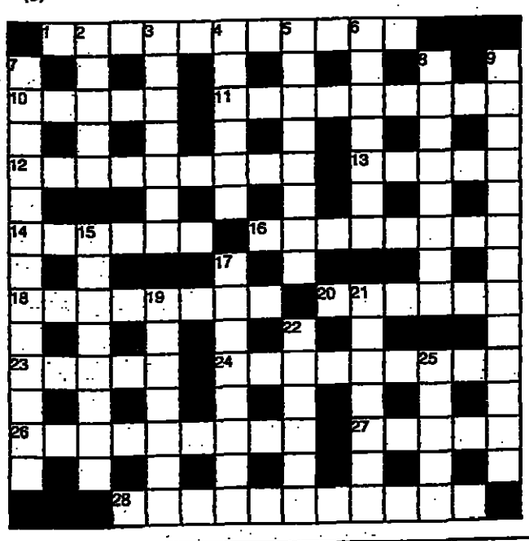
CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Leave behind sailor and almost one boat... (7,4)
10 ...disagreeable boatman? (5)
11 Ruin of mother country (9)
12 A simple brew (6,3)
13 Peter to appear in a show shortly at Christmas time (5)
14 Does it cut round curves? (3-3)
16 Roof of yonder church Edward completed (8)
18 Dominant partner's wear (8)
20 Abstainer takes comfort in the service (3-3)
23 Against one taking everyone back to the house (5)
24 One who is very close to you (9)
26 Light-fingered number in carousel going round (9)
27 Sound report of pot-plant (5)
28 There's no knowing where you'll be going on this tour (7,4)

DOWN

2 One genuflecting in the garden (5)
3 Stormy rain round front of heavenly place (7)
4 I mixed toddy outside—there's a strange thing (6)
5 Pity one can come out in it (8)
6 In difficulty moving to Spain (2,1,4)
7 Impossibly professional Scottish footballer gets it before four at the city (13)
8 Some radiant husks in the plant (8)
9 Kept aside in the freezer perhaps (2,4,7)
15 Bird having frolic in forest first (8)
17 Volume right to be included then excluded from the computer information (8)
19 Rent rises during visit to this impressive home (7)
21 Show old stroke, the same again inside (7)
22 One touching gently on the mouth (6)
25 Approve a half-pint for the beast (5)



SOLUTIONS

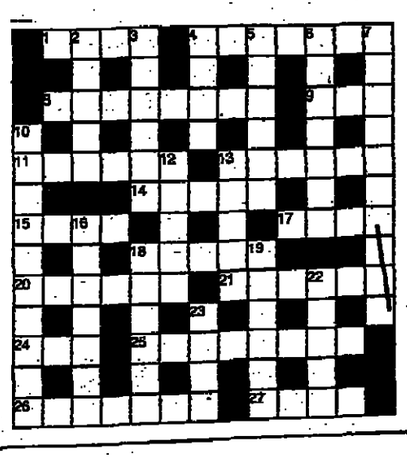
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D S SELFSEEKER

Yesterday's Quick Solution

ACROSS: 1 Marks, 4 Hissed, 9 Staunch, 10 Malta, 11 Army, 12 Extract, 13 Oaf, 14 Fair, 16 Rhea, 18 See, 20 Prudent, 21 Fake, 24 Quest, 25 Rooster, 26 Easily, 27 Merge.

DOWN: 1 Mishap, 2 Realm, 3 Sink, 5 Immature, 6 Salvage, 7 Dearth, 8 Thief, 13 Oriental, 15 Amulets, 17 Opaque, 18 Stern, 19 Decree, 22 Astir, 23 Roam.

QUICK CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1 Record (4)
4 Satisfied (7)
8 Curved sword (8)
9 Pig (3)
11 Renting (6)
13 Young bird (6)
14 Meat juices (5)
15 Credit (4)
17 Soon (4)
18 Small incision (5)
20 Oesophagus (6)
21 Clothes fastener (6)
24 Beard of barley (3)
25 Fanaticism (8)
26 Vacation (7)
27 Greasy (4)

DOWN

2 Runic (anag.) (5)
3 Advent (6)
4 Shelter for pigeons (4)
5 Northern country (6)
6 Level of hierarchy (7)
7 Constricting (10)
10 Snapshot (10)
12 Pig's noise (5)
13 Expel (5)
16 Military officer (7)
18 Snatched (6)
19 Japanese robe (6)
22 Danger (5)
23 Crazy (4)

TV

■ CHANNEL 1 (11)

6:30 News flash
6:31 News in Arabic
6:45 Good Morning Israel

■ EDUCATIONAL TV (11)

8:00 Vacation TV
9:45 Enigma
10:10 Hot Shots
10:35 Wayne Manifesto
11:00 Okavango
11:25 Hot Science
11:50 Ptatlus
12:00 Vacation TV
14:30 Star Trek – Deep Space 9
15:15 Spaceship Earth

■ CHANNEL 1 (11)

15:30 Zap Free
15:35 X Men
15:55 Zap – Country Vacation
16:05 Lassie
16:30 Zap – Seaside Vacation
16:59 New Evening
17:35 Zap – Festival at Chevrolet
17:50 USA High
18:15 News in English

ARABIC PROGRAMS
18:30 Where Are We Going?
19:00 News
HEBREW PROGRAMS
19:30 The Thin Blue Line
20:00 News
20:10 Talk of the Day
20:25 Are You Being Served?
21:00 News
21:30 Summer at Jubilee
23:00 Dream On
23:30 News
00:00 Verse of the Day

■ CHANNEL 2 (22)

5:45 Today's programs
5:55 Edge of the Shelf
6:00 Rupert Bear
6:30 Choco with Tel-Ad
6:43 Coffee with Tel-Ad
9:00 The Third Time
9:55 One More Mountain
10:50 Disney Time
11:40 Empty Nest
12:05 Amazing Stories
12:30 Behind the Scenes of *Dr. Dolittle*
13:00 Spellbinder
13:30 Home and Away
14:00 Calculated Risk
14:30 Sesame Street
15:00 Meeting Point
16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
16:50 Different Driving
17:00 Five with Reshet
17:30 Fresh Prince of Bel-Air
18:00 Lingo
18:30 Ramat Aviv Gimmel
20:00 News
20:30 Bravo
21:45 Get Shorty – comedy about a loan collector sent to LA to recover money from a movie producer. With John Travolta, Gene Hackman and Danny DeVito
00:00 News
00:05 Tea Packs In Concert
1:05 M*A*S*H
1:35 Red Sea Jazz
2:25 Verse of the Day

■ JORDAN TV (31)
(unconfirmed)

15:00 Holy Koran
15:10 Mr. Bogus
15:30 Oliver Twist
16:00 Musical Magazine
17:00 Oshoa
18:00 Acapulco Bay
19:00 Le Journal
19:15 French Show
19:30 News Headlines
19:35 Partners
20:00 Our Special Reporter
20:30 Faces and Places
21:00 Local Magazine
21:15 Kung Fu
22:00 News in English
22:30 Miniseries

■ MIDDLE EAST TV (24/27)

14:30 Body Electric
15:00 Basic Training
15:30 The 700 Club
16:00 Larry King
17:00 Gerbert
17:20 Mort & Phil
17:45 Superbook 2
18:10 Jack Hanna
18:35 Wait Till You Have Kids
19:00 Showbiz
19:30 World News Tonight
20:00 Stockard Channing
20:25 Coach
20:50 Movie: Lies Boys Tell
22:40 Charm of Cinema
23:00 The 700 Club
23:30 CNN News

CABLE

■ ITV 3 (33)

16:00 Animation
16:45 Amores
17:30 From Day To Day
18:00 Wiseman of the Generations
19:00 Arabic News
19:30 Telekassel
20:00 News Room
20:30 Medicine
21:00 News
21:30 Scent of Mint
23:05 Latin Heaven

■ ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Boogie's Diner
16:00 Summer Studio
16:45 Local Pop
17:00 Color Garden
17:20 Children's Stories in Arabic
17:30 Dear Brother
18:00 Pique Nique
18:30 A Matter of Taste
19:00 Simply Style
19:25 Little Big Country
19:30 New Evening
20:00 Mind Your Language
20:30 Medicine Demystified
20:43 Little Big Country
20:45 Border Line
22:00 Star Trek – Deep Space 9
22:45 Assignment Adventure

■ CHANNEL 3

7:00 ETTV on Ice
8:00 Celeste
9:00 One Life to Live (rpt)
9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt)
10:30 Days of Our Lives
11:15 Angels Don't Cry
12:00 Ricki Lake
12:45 Hart to Hart
13:30 John Larroquette
14:00 Bewitched
14:25 I Dream of Jeannie
14:50 Days of Our Lives
15:35 Judge Judy
16:00 Angels Don't Cry
16:45 One Life to Live
17:30 Cafe Paris
18:00 Trivia King (rpt)
18:30 Local Broadcast
19:00 The Young and the Restless
19:40 Melrose Plac
20:25 Players
21:10 Players (rpt)
22:00 Suddenly Susan
22:30 Seinfeld (rpt)
23:00 Ricki Lake (rpt)
23:45 Sentinel
00:30 Renegade
1:20 Love Boat

■ MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

11:30 Stigma (Hebrew, 1982) – Uri Barbash's drama about a man recently released from a mental hospital and dealing with his divorce who is sent on reserve duty to the Golan Heights. With Amon Tzadok
13:25 At Sword's Point (1952) – somewhat silly rendering of the classic *Three Musketeers*. With Cornel Wilde and Maureen O'Hara
14:50 Rock-a-Doodle (1995) – animated movie about a cocky rooster who goes to Las Vegas where he does an Elvis impersonation at a nightclub
16:10 My Brother's Keeper (1994) – one of well-liked twin schoolteachers is discovered to have AIDS. When the insurance company refuses to finance a marrow transplant he sues. With John Lithgow and Veronica Cartwright
17:35 Special Report on The Borrowers with John Goodman
18:10 The Operation (1995) – a successful surgeon is sued by a client for accidentally removing her womb, but did he? With Joe Penny and Lisa Hartman
19:45 Renegade
20:25 It Was Him or Us (1995) – a woman refuses to listen to her mother when she warns her about her violent boyfriend
22:00 True Lies (1994) – James Cameron's comic action drama with Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jamie Lee Curtis, Tom Arnold and Bill Paxton
00:20 Probable Cause (1994) – a policeman investigating a series of cop killings begins to suspect his new partner. With Michael Ironside
1:55 The Lunatic (1992) – bizarre adventures of an eccentricwho talks to trees, collects words and falls in love with a photographer
3:30 Full Impact (1991, 87 mins.) – a retired policeman tracks down a serial killer. With Gary Daniels

■ CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons
8:05 Barney
8:30 Arthur
9:00 The Smurfs
9:35 Ninja Turtles
10:10 Batman and Robin
10:40 Twins of Destiny
11:05 Hot-Air Balloon
11:15 Viewers' choice comedy
11:50 Hot-Air Balloon
12:00 Sweet Valley High
12:35 Step by Step
13:00 Bobby's World
13:25 Power Rangers
13:45 Helen and the Boys
14:10 Chiquititas
15:00 Ninja Turtles
15:35 Batman and Robin
16:10 Twins of Destiny
16:35 Hot-Air Balloon
16:45 Viewers' choice comedy
17:25 Sweet Valley High
17:45 Hot-Air Balloon
18:00 Step by Step (rpt)
18:30 Arthur
19:05 The Smurfs
19:30 Family Matters
19:55 Married with Children
20:20 The Fresh Prince of Bel Air
20:45 Full House
21:10 Beverly Hills 90210

■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Lover Girl (1997) – comedy about a teenager who begins to work at a massage parlor. With Sandra Bernhardt and Kristy Swanson
23:35 The Clockmaker (French, 1974, 100 mins.) – Bertrand Tavernier's directing debut is a dark drama about a withdrawn clockmaker who learns one day that his estranged son has committed murder. With Philippe Noiret

■ CHANNEL 8

6:00 Open University (rpts)
8:00 A Healthy Body (rpt)
8:30 Bush Babies (rpt)
9:00 Understanding Volcanos (rpt)
9:55 Alban Berg: Lulu
12:00 Asterix
12:30 Great Strides (rpt)
13:00 Life in the Wild (rpt)
13:25 Future Quest: Globonet (rpt)
13:55 Mysteries, Magic and Miracles (rpt)
14:20 Science Friction
15:10 Fast Cars (rpt)
16:05 Searching for Lost Worlds: Machu Picchu
17:00 Open University: Oil; The Mathematical Universe; Nutrition Pathways
19:05 Great Strides
19:35 Life in the Wild
20:05 Future Quest: The Shape of Space
20:30 Mysteries, Magic and Miracles
21:00 Science Friction
21:50 Seven Deadly Sins: Greed
22:20 Visions of Heaven and Hell: Selling the Future
23:40 Open University: War Series: Government by Consent; The Hermitage

■ STAR WORLD (18/15)

6:00 Swiftly Seasoned
8:30 Porridge
7:00 Bergerac
8:00 Oprah Winfrey Show
9:00 Santa Barbara
10:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
10:30 Nanny and the Professor
11:00 Porridge
11:30 Swiftly Seasoned
12:00 Saber Rider and the Star Sheriffs
12:30 Small Wonder
13:00 Batman
13:30 Jack Hanna's Animal Adventures
14:00 The Simpsons
14:30 The Wonder Years
15:00 Baywatch Nights
16:00 The Knock
17:00 NYPD Blue
18:00 Santa Barbara
19:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
19:30 The Simpsons
20:00 Baywatch Nights
21:00 The Knock
22:00 NYPD Blue
23:00 To Serve Them All My Days
00:00 Bergerac
1:00 Aerobics Oz Style
1:30 Terry Toons
2:00 New Fantastic Four

■ BBC WORLD (13/14)

News on the hour
6:30 Asia Today
6:45 World Business
7:30 Reporters (rpt)
8:30 The Travel Show (rpt)
9:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
10:30 Earth Report (rpt)
11:30 Reporters (rpt)
12:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
13:30 How Buildings Learn
14:00 The World Today
15:30 Sea Trek: Hawaii
16:00 World News and Business Report
16:30 The World Today
17:30 One Foot on the Continent
18:30 Hard Talk
19:30 The Travel Show
20:00 The World Today
21:30 Hard Talk (rpt)
22:30 Decisive Weapons: The Springfield Rifle
23:00 World News and Business Report
23:30 Top Gear
00:10 Europe Direct
1:30 World Business
1:45 Asia Today (rpt)
2:05 USA Direct

■ CNN INTERNATIONAL (12)

News throughout the day
6:15 American Edition
6:30 World Report
7:00 CNN This Morning
7:30 Insight
8:00 CNN This Morning
8:30 Moneyline (rpt)
9:00 CNN This Morning
9:30 World Sports
10:00 CNN This Morning
10:30 Showbiz Today
11:00 Larry King (rpt)
12:30 World Sport
13:30 American Edition
13:45 World Report
14:30 Business Unusual
15:15 News & Business Asia
16:30 CNN Newsroom
17:30 World Sport
18:30 Style
19:00 Larry King Live (rpt)
20:45 American Edition
21:30 World Business
22:30 Q&A with Riz Khan
23:00 News Europe
23:30 Insight
00:00 World Business
00:30 World Sport
1:00 World View
1:30 Moneyline
2:30 Showbiz Today

■ SKY NEWS (14/13)

News on the hour
6:30 CBS Evening News
7:30 ABC World News
8:00 Sunrise
12:30 ABC Nightline
15:30 Sky World News
18:30 Question Time
18:30 Sky World News
19:00 Live at Five
21:30 Sportline
22:30 Business Report
23:30 Sky World News
00:00 Prime Time
2:30 CBS Evening News

■ CHANNEL 5 (05)

6:00 Bodies in Motion
16:00 Bodies in Motion
16:30 French League Soccer
18:30 Baseball
19:30 Survivors
20:00 Candid Camera
20:30 Motorsports
21:00 Israeli Golf Championships
21:30 MLS
23:00 Esuropean Champions Soccer

■ EUROSPORT (15/16)

9:30 Mountain Bike
10:00 Cart
11:30 Soccer
13:00 Golf
14:00 Motocross
14:30 Mountain Bike
15:00 Sailing
15:30 Tennis
17:30 Motorsports
19:00 Soccer
20:00 Live Tennis
22:00 Boxing
23:00 Darts
00:00 Soccer
2:00 Mountain Bike

PRIME TIME TV

	1	2	3	4	6	8
19:30	The Thin Blue Line		Melrose Place	Renegade	Family Matters Marrie dwith Children	Life In the Wild
20:00	News Talk of the Day	News				Future Quest
20:30	Are you Being Served	Bravo	Players	It Was Him or Us	Fresh Prince of Bel Air Full House	Mysteries
21:00	News		Players		Beverly Hills 90210	Science Friction
21:30	Summer at Jubilee	Get Shorty				Seven Deadly Sins
22:00			Suddenly Susan	True Lies	Lover Girl	Visions of Heaven and Hell
22:30			Seinfeld			
23:00	Dream On		Ricki Lake			

MOVIES

JERUSALEM
CINEMATHEQUE As Good As It Gets 5 • Monkey Business 7:30 • The Sweet Hereafter ⇒The Go-Between 9:30 **G.G. GIL** Jerusalem Mall (Malha) ☎ 6788448 Grease 11:30 a.m., 2, 4:45, 7:15 • Mouse Hunt⇒Superboy⇒The Magic Sword *(Hebrew dialogue)* 2, 4:45 • The Patriot⇒The Real Blonde⇒City of Angels 7:15, 10 • The Big Lebowski 7:15, 10 • High Art 10 • Lethal Weapon IV 11:30 a.m., 2, 4:30, 7:15, 10 • The Borrowers 11:30 a.m., 2, 4:45, 7:15
JERUSALEM THEATER On Connait La Chanson 9:30 ⇒The Spanish Prisoner 9:30 • The King of Masks 7, 9:30 **RAV CHEN 1-7** ☎ 6792769 Credit Card Reservations ☎ 6794477 Rav-Mecher Building, 19 Ha'oman St., Talpiot Mulan *(English dialogue)* 7:30, 9:45 • Lost In Space 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:45, 7:15 • Armageddon 11 a.m., 1:45, 4:30, 7, 9:45 • Titanic 11 a.m., 5, 8:45 • The Horse Whisperer 8:45 • Wild Things 9:45 • Pipi Longstocking ⇒Mulan *(Hebrew dialogue)* 11 a.m., 1, 3, 5 • Parent Trap 11 a.m., 1:30, 4:45, 7:15 • Godzilla 11 a.m., 4:30, 7, 9:45
MEVASSERET ZION G.G. GIL ☎ 5700868 As Good As It Gets 10 • Superboy 11:30 a.m., 4:45 • Lethal Weapon IV 7:15, 10 • Grease 11:30 a.m., 4:45, 7:15 **SMADAR** ☎ 5618168 Kundun 5 • He Got Game 5:45, 10 • Family Secrets 4, 8:15

TEL AVIV
COLONY ☎ 5177101 Great Expectations 5, 7:30, 10:15 • The Horse Whisperer 6, 9:15 **GAT** ☎6967888 The Horse Whisperer 3:15, 6:30, 9:45
GLOBUS ☎60811301 Grease⇒The Borrowers 11:30 a.m., 2, 5, 7:30 • City of Angels⇒The Patriot⇒High Art 7:30, 10 • Superboy ⇒The Magic Sword ⇒Mouse Hunt 11:30 a.m., 2, 5 • The Big Lebowski⇒Lethal Weapon IV 11:30 a.m., 2, 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Lethal Weapon IV 11:30 a.m., 2, 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Paulie 11:30 a.m., 2, 5, 7:30 **G.G. HOD 1-4** ☎ 5226226 Hod Passage, 101 Dizengoff St. Lethal Weapon IV 4:45, 7:15, 10 • Live Flesh⇒The Patriot 5, 7:30, 10 • Grease 5, 7:30, 10 **LEV** ☎5288288 He Got Game 4:30, 7:15, 10 • Kundun 11:30 a.m., 2, 7:30 • Good Will Hunting 11 a.m., 1:45, 7, 9:45 • Family Secrets 11:30 a.m., 2:30, 5, 7:30, 10 • Sweet Hereafter 5, 10 • Go Now 11 a.m., 1:45 • Night Train 4:45 • Carla's Song Fri. 9:45; Sat. 2 **LEV AVIV** ☎6417148 He Got Game 4:30, 7:15, 10 • Kundun 5, 7:30 • Sweet Hereafter 11:30 a.m., 2:30, 7:15, 10 • Brassed Off 11 a.m., 2:30, 10 • Carla's Song 11:30 a.m., 2:30, 5, 7:30, 10 • Welcome to the Doll's House 11 a.m., 1:45, 5 • Family Secrets 11:15 a.m., 2:30, 5, 7:30, 10
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Luxemburgo named as Brazil coach

RIO DE JANEIRO (Reuters) – Vanderley Luxemburgo was named as the new coach of the Brazil soccer team yesterday.

Luxemburgo, 46, was officially presented as replacement to veteran Mario Zagallo during a media conference at the Brazilian Football Confederation (CBF).

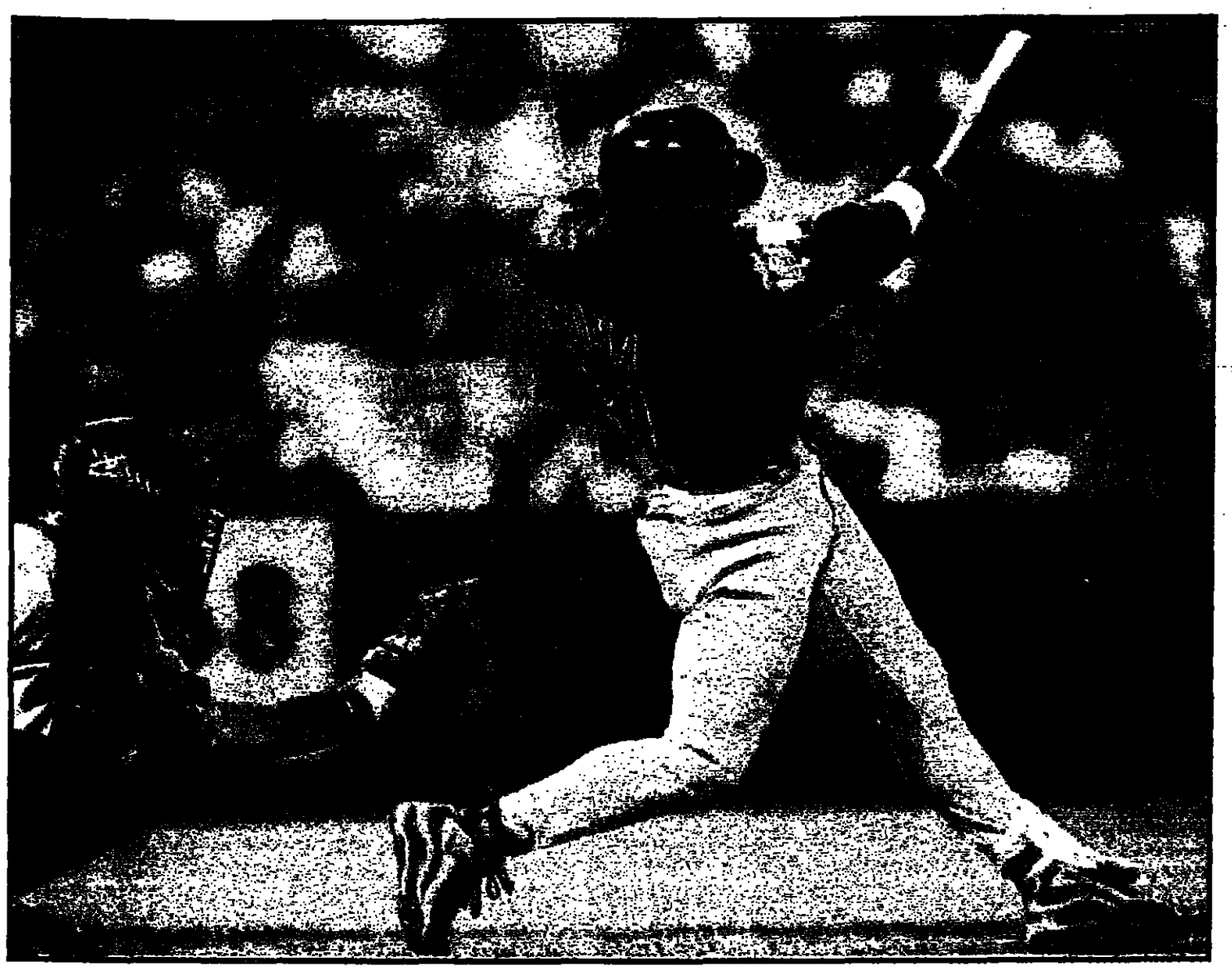
Luxemburgo, who was a little-known full back in his playing days and did not play international soccer, has made his name since he turned to coaching and until this appointment was in charge of Sao Paulo club Corinthians.

He has been hugely successful in the last five years, winning the Paulista (Sao Paulo state) championship three times and Brazilian championship twice with Palmeiras.

He came to the fore after winning the Paulista championship with Bragantino, a small provincial club, in 1990. He has also coached Flamengo and Santos but has never played or coached outside Brazil.

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL – Israel's results in the Inaugural Junior Boys Softball championships in Prague:
Game 1: Israel 12, Denmark 11 (winning pitcher Tomar Glantz).
Game 2: Netherlands 16, Israel 6 (losing pitcher Glantz).
Game 3: Denmark 9, Israel 7 (Israel's Shlomo Lipitz hit an in-stadium home run).



EVEN STEVEN – Cubs' Sammy Sosa tees off against Giants starting pitcher Russ Ortiz for his 45th home run in fifth-inning action. Two innings later, he hit his 46th, tying him with the Cardinals' Mark McGwire for the major league lead. (Reuters)

Sosa draws even with 46th

Schilling hurls 11th complete game; O's Davis hit streak at 26

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) – Sammy Sosa hit his 45th and 46th homers to tie Mark McGwire for the major league lead as the Chicago Cubs beat the San Francisco Giants, 8-5 on Monday.

Sosa's first homer of the night, in the fifth inning, was a towering blast into the first row of the left-field bleachers. It was the first of three consecutive solo shots by the Cubs.

His second one, in the seventh, a solo blast over the center-field bleachers estimated at 480 feet, pulled him even for the first time this season with McGwire – who went homerless in St. Louis' loss to the New York Mets.

Tyler Houston added a two-run shot as the Cubs hit five homers on a balmy night with the wind blowing out at 20 mph.

Chicago broke a four-game losing streak.

Mets 4, Cardinals 2

Todd Hundley hit his first home run this season and Al Leiter pitched seven strong innings, leading New York to a road win.

Leiter (11-4) helped silence Mark McGwire, who struck out three times – twice against Leiter and once against Turk Wendell with a runner on in the eighth – as the Cardinals' five-game winning streak ended.

Hundley, who missed the first half of the season while recuperating from elbow and shoulder surgeries, hit a two-run homer in the third off Matt Morris (3-2) to snap a 2-2 tie.

John Olerud's hitting streak stopped at 23 games, one shy of the Mets club record set by Hubie Brooks in 1984. Olerud went 0-for-3 with a walk and scored a run.

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Hap. TA take slim 1-0 lead to Stromsgodset

BY OFER RONEN-ABELS

Hapoel Tel Aviv sweated for 75 minutes before breaking the deadlock as Assi Tubi managed to squeeze in the winner against Stromsgodset of Norway in their UEFA Cup tie at Bloomfield yesterday.

The 35 degrees of heat and 80 percent humidity didn't scare the 10,000 fans who turned up at Bloomfield Stadium to watch Hapoel in a game which was hard to watch and even harder to play as the weather took center stage.

"We should thank all our players for helping Hapoel Tel Aviv in their bid to succeed in Europe after playing in these conditions" said chairman Moshe Teomim in a post match press conference.

"Whoever disregards the weather as a factor when he mentions this game makes a big mistake" added coach Eli Cohen answering to criticism by national team coach Shlomo Scharf.

The first half was played under extreme conditions and didn't hold much. Hapoel tried to find a way past "Godset's" bolstered defense led by former Chelsea center back Erland Johnson, who skippered the side on his debut, but were limited to only two shots on goal.

Tubi's effort from the edge of the box, after 15 minutes hitting the bottom of the post and Shalom Tikva's 20-meter drop kick flew over the crossbar.

Two minutes past the hour Davor Rupnick, who had a quite game, tried to curl a free kick but Glenn Arne Hansen in Godset's goal collected a flying save.

With 15 minutes left on the clock the deadlock was finally broken. Midfielder Morten Kihle was taken off with a knee injury and as the Norwegians failed to regroup, Tikva and Tubi combined to score Hapoel's winner in what was another spectacular effort from the duo.

Tikva collected the ball near the center circle and started a rally of one-twos with Tubi before releasing the young striker to score his third goal in as many games.

On the losing side, coach Doug Vidar Christophersen who was missing his star striker Jostein Flo through injury was disappointed to lose a goal at such a late stage of the game but felt confident about the home leg.

"We shall put a lot of pressure on Hapoel as we will play our normal English-style game and beat them over the two legs" he said.

"We have a great chance playing them in our weather after losing by only one goal" said a soaking wet Johnson who added that normally this heat used to drag him down the beach at Portsmouth or Southampton when he was still at Stamford Bridge and not onto a football pitch. "We were missing Flo badly and his tall figure up front will make all the difference" he concluded.

Betar face tough test in Lisbon tonight

By ORI LEWIS

National League champions Betar Jerusalem will have a chance to test their skill against the might of European competition tonight when they take on Potugal's Benfica in Lisbon.

The match, which kicks of at 23:00 Israel time (Live TV broadcast: Channel 24, live radio commentary: Radio 2) is the first leg of the second qualifying round for the lucrative European Champions' League – the stage when the men and the boys are sorted out.

No Israeli club has ever made it to the Champions' League, and the chances of Betar breaking the trend this time look fairly unlikely.

If for no other reason, debt-ridden Benfica, threatened by a UEFA ban for being unable to meet payments to clubs for players they have bought, need to win the tie to secure the generous cash payout which the competition is sure to yield.

On paper, Betar are not a serious match for Benfica. Their manager, Graeme Souness, was quoted yesterday as saying "We will finish the job off on Wednesday, but we must be careful not to make mistakes."

The Portuguese have a star-studded lineup with Karel Poborsky, Joao Pinto and former Maccabi Haifa midfielder Sergei Kandaurov among others. Add to that the roar from the fans in the 120,000-seat "Estadio do Luz" and the Jerusalemites really have a mountain to climb.

Betar will not be able to field Nir Sivilia or new Hungarian signing Tamas Sandor and will undoubtedly play a defensive lineup in the hope of upsetting Benfica's rhythm, who will doubtless become uptight if they fail to crack Jerusalem early on. With Amir Shelah at the back of the defense and Yossi Abuksis playing hard in midfield it appears to be the only chance Dror Kashtan's men have of keeping the return leg at home alive in two weeks' time.

History is not on Betar's side, however. Last year in the same stage of the competition, Betar held Benfica's city rivals Sporting goalless at Teddy Stadium before losing 3-0 in Lisbon.

NBA will refund money for season-tickets with interest if lockout lasts

NEW YORK (AP) – The National Basketball Association sent out a strong signal Monday that the lockout could last for months, announcing that season ticket payments will be refunded with interest if the work stoppage forces the cancelation of games.

Also Monday, the league gave the National Labor Relations Board its official response to the complaint filed last month by the players union, alleging the NBA committed an unfair labor practice by imposing a lockout before reaching an impasse in negotiations.

In Atlanta, union director Billy Hunter held a briefing for some of the locked-out players, and attendees included Kevin Garnett and Stephon Marbury of the Timberwolves.

No new bargaining talks are scheduled. The last formal session ended abruptly last Thursday when owners walked out of the room after hearing the players' latest proposal.

Season ticket holders, most of whom already have paid for their seats for the 1998-99 season, will receive 6 percent interest on their money if regular-season games, due to begin November 3, are canceled because of the lockout.

"Season ticket holders make substantial financial commitments to our teams and we think they should be treated fairly in the unfortunate event that games are missed," Granik said. "A refund policy that includes interest is the right thing to do in this instance."

Holders of single-game tickets will be entitled to a refund or a rain check.

On the NLRB front, the next move will be made by Daniel Silverman, regional director of the New York office, who must determine if the players' complaint has merit. He would then report to the full board in Washington, which would decide if the agency should ask a federal judge to issue an injunction restoring the old work rules that expired at midnight June 30 when the old agreement elapsed.

Lancs stroll past Hants into NatWest final

LONDON (Reuters) – Lancashire strolled into the final of the NatWest Trophy yesterday with a 43-run victory over Hampshire at Southampton, even though they were without their captain Wasim Akram.

The Pakistani Test all-rounder dropped out at the last minute with a toe injury.

"When I took over this season I told my players they could win any trophy if they worked hard," he said.

"We are also well placed in the championship and if we beat Yorkshire this weekend I am sure we can mount a good challenge to Surrey."

Wasim's place as captain was taken by England batsman John Crawley who made the top score of 79 as Lancashire hit 252 in their 60 overs.

Crawley and Neil Fairbrother (58) put on 116 for the second wicket after Lancashire had been put in to bat.

Hampshire made only 209 for nine, despite a partnership of 104 for the sixth wicket by man-of-the-match Dmitri Mascarenhas (73) and Kevan James (52).

At one stage Lancashire, 176 for two, seemed likely to score at least 300 runs but three quick wickets by Mascarenhas opened the way for a Hampshire win on a fast outfield.

The key to the Lancashire bowling success was an opening spell in which their pacemen Peter Martin and Ian Austin (3-25) reduced Hampshire to 28 for five.

Austin bowled his first six overs for four runs and returned to bowl James with the first ball of his second spell.

Martin, chosen for the England one-day international squad earlier in the day, captured the important Hampshire wickets of former England players John Stephenson and Robin Smith, the county captain, who averages 88 in the competition.

Leicestershire meet Derbyshire tomorrow in the second semifinal.

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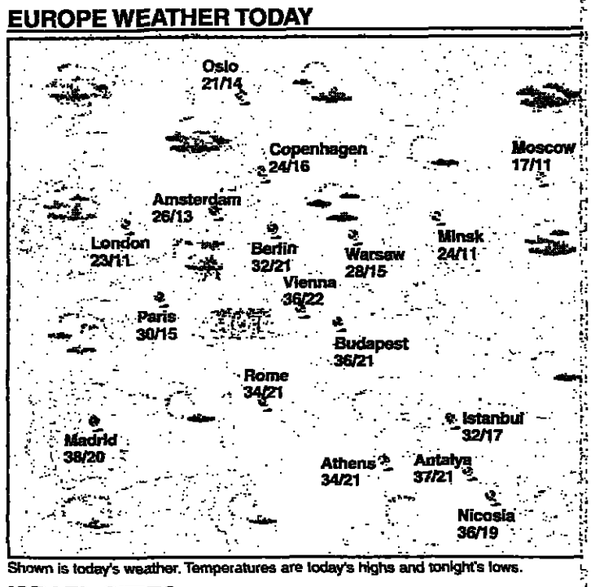
ISRAEL

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Israel: Mainly sunny and hot today. High 32-35 coast and mountains and 36-42 east. Clear tonight. Lows 16-28.

EUROPE WEATHER TODAY



Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

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City	Today High C/F	Today Low/W C/F	Thursday High C/F	Thursday Low/W C/F	Friday High C/F	Friday Low/W C/F	Saturday High C/F	Saturday Low/ C/F
Ariel	37/98	20/68/s	39/102	22/71/s	37/98	20/68/pc	39/102	20/68/
Beersheba	34/93	18/64/s	36/97	20/68/s	36/97	22/71/pc	36/97	22/71/
Dead Sea	42/107	23/73/s	42/107	25/77/s	44/111	27/80/pc	44/111	27/80/
Eilat	42/107	28/82/s	42/107	28/82/s	44/111	28/82/pc	42/107	28/82/
Haifa	33/91	25/77/s	33/91	25/77/s	33/91	27/80/pc	35/95	27/80/
Jerusalem	32/89	17/62/s	34/93	19/66/s	34/93	21/70/pc	34/93	21/70/
Katzrin	39/102	18/64/s	39/102	18/64/s	39/102	20/68/pc	41/106	22/71/
Netanya	34/93	24/75/s	34/93	24/75/s	34/93	24/75/pc	36/97	26/79/
Tel Aviv	34/93	25/77/s	34/93	25/77/s	36/97	25/77/pc	36/97	25/77/
Tiberias	39/102	23/73/s	39/102	23/73/s	41/106	25/77/pc	41/106	27/80/

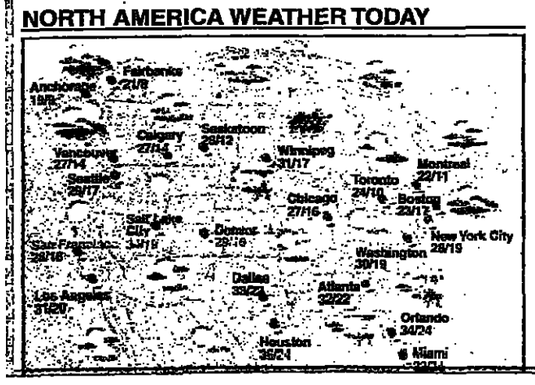
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City	Today High C/F	Today Low/W C/F	Thursday High C/F	Thursday Low/W C/F	Friday High C/F	Friday Low/ C/F
Amsterdam	28/79	13/55/pc	19/66	14/57/pc	24/75	17/63
Beijing	35/95	26/79/pc	34/93	27/80/sh	32/89	24/7
Berlin	32/89	21/70/pc	23/73	10/50/pc	21/70	16/6
Brussels	28/82	14/57/c	22/71	13/55/pc	26/79	17/62
Cairo	38/100	25/77/s	38/100	25/77/s	38/100	25/7
Chicago	27/80	16/61/s	28/82	17/62/s	29/84	18/64
Frankfurt	32/89	21/70/pc	24/75	8/46/pc	21/70	14/57
Hong Kong	31/88	25/77/sh	31/88	26/79/pc	31/88	26/79
Johannesburg	24/75	8/46/s	24/75	8/46/s	24/75	9/48
London	23/73	11/52/pc	19/66	10/50/pc	21/70	14/5
Los Angeles	31/88	20/68/pc	32/89	19/66/pc	32/89	18/64
Madrid	38/100	20/68/s	39/102	19/66/s	35/97	20/68
Mexico City	26/79	13/55/c	24/75	13/55/c	26/79	14/57
Montreal	22/71	11/52/s	22/71	16/61/s	26/79	17/62
Moscow	17/62	11/52/sh	16/61	9/48/sh	23/73	15/5
New York	28/82	19/66/pc	28/82	19/66/s	29/84	21/70
Paris	30/86	15/59/t	24/75	11/52/pc	24/75	13/55
Prague	33/91	20/68/pc	25/79	12/53/c	23/73	13/5
Rio de Janeiro	29/84	22/71/pc	28/82	21/70/sh	27/80	19/66
Roma	34/93	21/70/s	33/91	21/70/s	31/88	21/70
Sydney	18/64	11/52/pc	21/70	12/53/pc	19/64	11/5
Tokyo	33/91	27/80/c	33/91	27/80/pc	31/88	27/80
Toronto	24/75	10/50/s	25/77	14/57/s	27/80	15/59
Vienna	36/97	22/71/s	34/93	18/64/pc	26/79	17/62
Warsaw	28/82	15/59/c	27/80	12/53/r	21/70	10/50
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